

# Measure E & Measure S Oversight Committees

**Annual Report to the Community 2011-2012**



## West High School Performing Arts Complex



### Progress Continues on School Bond Projects

The Oversight Committees, which have met separately to review all bond projects, are pleased to report the progress and financial information of Measure E and Measure S. With matching funds, a favorable construction climate, and careful planning, TUSD expects to experience \$156.5 million in improvements for a local bond cost of \$94.1 million.

Measure E, approved in 2006 for \$51 million paid by local bonds, has been supplemented by \$44 million of matching funds, to generate \$95 million in projects. Likewise, Measure S, approved in 2008 for \$43.1 million, has been supplemented by \$18.4 million of matching funds, to generate \$61.5 million in projects.

Thank you to the community for your continued support and to the students, staff, and parents for your patience while we are all working to improve your schools.

### Independent Audit Determines Money Properly Spent

The integrity of Measure E and Measure S funds are audited annually by an independent accounting firm. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the Oversight Committee selected the independent auditing firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. The financial audits were conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The performance audits provide an independent assessment of the District's compliance with certain State laws and procedures. The performance audits concluded that all expenditures were made for allowable purposes described in the ballot measures, no expenditures were made to pay for salaries or other school operating expenditures and all expenditures were made for identified projects. There were no recommendations made by the auditor as a result of the performance and financial audits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

### Committees' Overview

In accordance with the requirements for a Proposition 39 bond election, such as Measure E and Measure S, the TUSD Board of Education interviewed and appointed an independent citizens' oversight committee for each Bond Measure. Each Committee meets at least quarterly. The main responsibility of each Committee is to review the performance and financial annual audits, inspect construction projects and expenditures, recommend cost-saving measures to the School Board and inform the public of their findings. The Committee is required to issue at least one report a year.

Members are appointed to a two-year term, without compensation and can be reappointed for no more than two consecutive terms. The committee must include representation from the business community; a senior citizens' organization; a bona fide taxpayers' organization; a parent-teacher organization and a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District. The Board has also chosen to select a representative from the agriculture/farming industry and an "at large" member of the public. No District employee, official, vendor, contractor or consultant may serve on the committee.



## **Measure E: You Gave Us a Dollar, We Turned It Into Two**

Measure E, a \$51 million dollar bond measure, approved by voters on June 6, 2006, authorized funding for needed repairs, upgrades and new construction projects to Tracy High School and the completion of sports facilities and a theatrical facility at West High School. Tracy Unified School District, in the preparation of Measure E, expected to obtain \$17 million in matching state school facilities construction funding. Through careful planning and hard work, TUSD has secured an additional \$21.1 state matching money for our community. Other local matching funds, including redevelopment and deferred maintenance funding have contributed to these projects; including \$1.5 million from the City of Tracy for the joint use aquatics center.

The District completed the West High School Pinkie Phillips Aquatics Center and the Steve Lopez Stadium projects in 2009 and Tracy High School Classroom and Building Renovations were completed in early 2011. Construction began on the West High School Theater project in September 2010 and was completed in April 2012. The planning process to replace the Tracy High School Peter B. Kyne Stadium and Wayne Schneider Field was complete in May 2011 and construction is expected to begin in the Summer of 2012. On February 14, 2012, the State Allocation Board funded \$8.5 million, which is the balance of funding expected from the State to match Measure E projects. Planning has begun on the balance of projects to be funded by Measure E and State matching funds. (See page 3 for more information on Measure E projects).

Chairman: Brent Fukushima, Business of Agriculture  
Secretary: Craig Saalwaechter, Parent Organization  
Member: Staycee Hall, Bona Fide Tax Organization  
Member: Cheryl Fowler, Local Business Org.

Member: Isaac Terry, Parent or Guardian  
Member: John Kimball, Senior Citizen's Group  
Member: Kelly Lewis, Public at Large  
Member: Roxane Bernhard, Alternate

Member: Christina Frankel, Alternate

## **Measure S: Continued Investment in Our Children**

Measure S is a \$43.1 million bond measure which was approved by 70.5% of Tracy voters on November 4, 2008 to make improvements predominantly at the elementary and middle schools of Tracy Unified School District. In May 2009, the District sold the first issue of the Measure S bonds, totaling \$12 million. This issue funded the planning of five school modernizations, technology improvements for a majority of TUSD campuses, as well as security improvements on all campuses. In January 2011, the school district was notified that it had been awarded funding from the Federal government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which will subsidize the original Measure S bonds; thereby increasing the amount available for capital projects by an additional 3.5 million and lowering the interest costs for the taxpayers by 4.5 million.

In May 2011, the District sold a second issue of Measure S bonds for \$22 million, leaving \$9.1 million remaining to be sold at a future date. This second issue allowed the school district to move forward with the renovation of Monte Vista Middle School, which is expected to be complete in late 2012. The second issue also funded the renovation of McKinley Elementary School which began in May 2011 and is expected to be complete in 2012.

Other school sites that are slated for renovation are: an improvement project at the North School site to bring the older classrooms up to date; a renovation project at Central Elementary School, which was built in 1938 and is in need of substantial infrastructure and building improvements; and, South West Park School which will require the demolition of the older deteriorated portion of the campus and the construction of a new two-story classroom and administration wing.

In addition to the renovation of the five school sites, Measure S authorized funding of \$9.1 million for technology and security improvements for all Tracy Schools. Technology and security projects, including the camera surveillance project, are expected to be predominantly complete by 2013.

Measure S also earmarked funds for the Tracy Learning Center charter school as recommended in the text of Proposition 39, to fund a portion of site acquisition costs. (See page 4 for more information on Measure S projects).

Chairman: Kelly Lewis, Bona Fide Tax Organization  
Secretary: Dan Green, Public at Large  
Member: Donald Yerian, Senior Citizen's Group  
Member: Christina Frankel, Parent or Guardian

Member: Roxane Bernhard, Parent Organization  
Member: Teri Cunningham, Business of Agriculture  
Member: Cheryl Fowler, Alternate

## Measure E: Exceptional Performance

### Completed Projects:

#### **WHS Stadium and Pool Complex**

Completion of WHS athletic facilities included the construction of the Steve Lopez Stadium and the Pinkie Phillips Aquatic Complex, an Olympic-size pool facility.

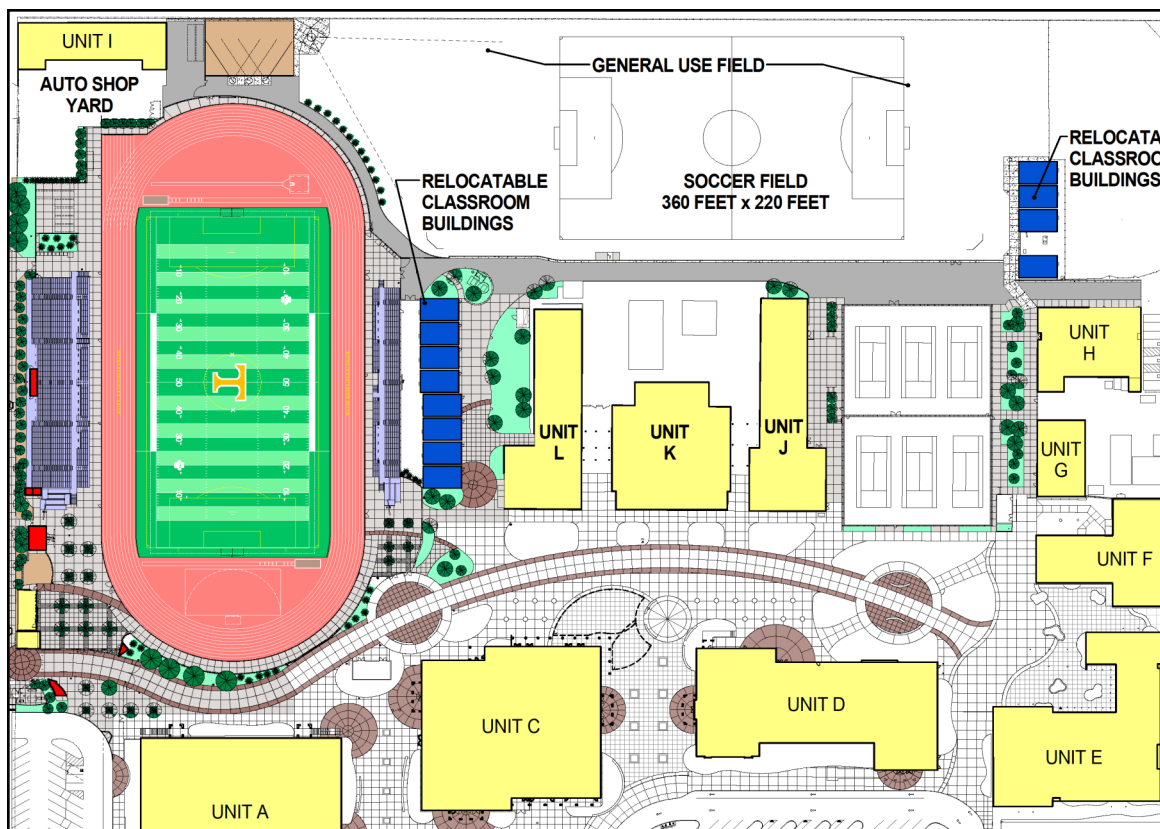
#### **Performing Arts Complex**

The construction of the new performing arts complex began in Fall 2010 and was completed in the Spring of 2012. This project includes a "black box" theater, which allows for staging in a number of different set-ups, including the "theater in the round", where the stage is located in the center of the room. Classrooms for stage crafting, sound, lighting and costume design were also built with this project.

**THS New Administration/34 Classroom Building:** Work included the demolition of the old West Building and construction of a new 2-story classroom building, recently named the James C. Franco Building. The building includes 34 classrooms and an administrative wing. New classrooms include energy efficient heating, air conditioning, lighting, learning walls and the latest technology upgrades.

**Cafeteria/Classroom Building and New Library/Classroom Building:** Work included the demolition of several classroom wings, portable buildings as well as the old library and cafeteria buildings. The new cafeteria/classroom building includes the Joe E. Foster Music Center and Career Technical Education classrooms such as the FEAST Lab, child development and home economic classrooms as well as a new cafeteria and food court. The new two story library/classroom building includes the new library, computer labs, a business wing, as well as several new classrooms.

**Renovation of Industrial Arts, Vehicle Maintenance, Science, EB Theater, Gymnasium HVAC and Locker Room:** Work included the installation of new heating and cooling systems in the main gym, as well as renovation of the boys and girls locker rooms. The EB Theater remodel included carpeting, re-roofing, complete restroom restoration, painting, theatrical lighting systems and new stage flooring. The Hawley-Westlake Building remodel included 10 new state of the art science laboratories and 2 teaching stations. Renovation of the Vehicle Maintenance and Industrial Arts facilities was complete in December 2009.



### Projects in Planning:

Through effective management, the district has an additional \$8.5 million in project funds. The planning process on the new Tracy High School stadium began in 2011 and construction will begin in July 2012. Other site completion projects in planning are a renovation to the remaining classrooms on the Tracy High School Site.

## **Measure S: Continued Investment in Our Children**

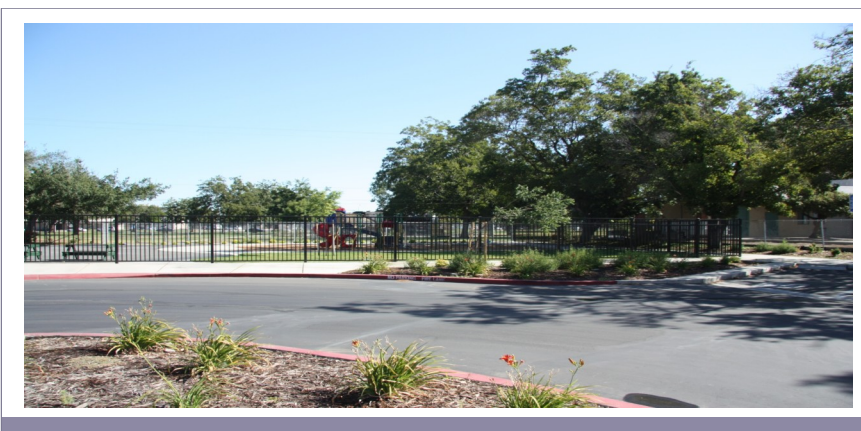
### **Monte Vista - New Classroom Buildings**



### **Monte Vista - Site Work**



### **McKinley– Kindergarten Playground Renovation**



### **Measure S Projects in Construction and Planning:**

#### **Modern Technology and Security Devices on All District Facilities**

The first phase of the technology and security enhancements began in the Fall of 2009 and will continue for several years. New cabling and equipment will provide students and staff with the latest technology. All school sites have received security cameras which will improve student safety, help control vandalism and assist with campus emergencies. Other enhancements to technology include wireless devices, new network security systems, new network servers, and updated phone systems at older sites.

Several enhancements are planned for the summer of 2012, including cabling and infrastructure improvements on selected sites.

#### **Monte Vista Middle School, Built in 1960**

Monte Vista Middle School's renovation started in May 2011 and includes a revision in the flow and safety of the current parking lot as well as a much needed additional parking lot, and bus loop. The project addresses site access issues, as well as bringing all classrooms up to the district standard. These classroom upgrades include new interior finishes, energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems, upgrades to technology and teaching walls. Inadequate administrative areas will also be improved. Phase 1 of the project, which is now complete, included a reconfiguration to the front parking lot, site infrastructure improvements, and installing new classrooms buildings. Phase 2, which begins summer 2012, will include improvements to the balance of the campus; including site utility improvements, expanded parking, and renovation of the remaining classrooms and administrative areas.

#### **McKinley Elementary School, Built in 1954**

Modernization of the site started in May 2011 and will include parking lot and site enhancements as well as classroom improvements. New and refurbished portable classrooms have been placed on permanent foundations and additional spaces were provided for undersized administration, RSP and other program areas. Phase 2, which begins summer 2012 will complete the balance of the classroom renovations.