



# Outstanding Local Berryessa Schools

## Berryessa Union School District

Here in Berryessa Union School District, we are committed to providing elementary and middle school students with an outstanding education. Our highly-qualified teachers and rigorous academic programs prepare our students to consistently earn top scores on state and national exams and go on to excel in high school, college and beyond. We are proud of our hardworking students and staff.

### Safety Improvements

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Our school facilities, however, need to be updated to meet today's standards and ensure student safety. Student safety is our top priority, and safety and security improvements such as access control, security cameras and fire alarm systems are needed.



### Modern Classrooms to Support 21st-Century Education

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Here in the heart of Silicon Valley, we are keenly aware that the requirements for success are rapidly changing. Our classrooms, labs and learning technology need to be modernized to meet today's educational standards.

### Basic Repairs and Updates

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Although some of our classrooms and facilities have been updated recently, many of our facilities are decades old and in need of repairs. Necessary repairs include upgrades to restrooms, heating and cooling systems and school kitchens.

### Potential Local Facilities Measure

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To update and improve our schools to support a high-quality education, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees is considering placing a local school facilities bond measure on an upcoming ballot. Although no final decisions have been made, the Board is considering a \$98 million bond measure that would cost approximately \$28.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value per year for as long as bonds are outstanding. All funds would stay local to support our schools. A measure may help to:

- Make essential school safety and security improvements
- Update science, arts and math classrooms and labs for 21st-century learning
- Keep schools clean and well-maintained
- Replace aging fire alarms and communication systems
- Ensure playgrounds, walkways and fields meet current safety standards

### Fiscal Accountability

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A local measure would require fiscal accountability, including:

- All funds would stay local to support improvements to Berryessa Union School District schools
- Funds could not be taken away by the State
- No funds could go to administrator salaries
- An independent citizen oversight committee would review expenditures

### Tell Us What You Think

We value our partnership with the community and your feedback is essential to the process. If you have questions or comments, please contact Kevin Franklin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at [kfranklin@busd.net](mailto:kfranklin@busd.net).