



Berryessa Union School District
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WE ASKED

About Your Priorities

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Berryessa Union School District

How are Berryessa Union School District schools performing?

We provide an excellent education in Berryessa Union School District, with highly-qualified and dedicated teachers and staff, rigorous academic programs and hardworking students. Our students consistently earn top scores on state and national tests and go on to succeed in high school, college and beyond. However, although the first phase of school improvements has been made, more work still needs to be done. Many of our schools need to be updated and repaired to meet today's educational standards and ensure student safety so we can continue providing high-quality education.

What basic repairs and updates are needed?

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.

What improvements are needed to support 21st-century education?

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 and support high-quality programs in science, music and the arts.

What safety improvements are needed?

Student safety is our top priority, yet improvements are needed to ensure student safety. Specifically, additional security cameras, security fencing, access control, clearer building identification, site lines and fire alarms need to be updated and fields need to be improved.

Have we ever passed a bond for our schools?

Yes. In 2014, 69% of local voters approved Measure L, a bond measure to make essential updates to our schools. The independent citizen oversight committee has reported that all projects have been completed on time and on budget. You can learn more about the projects on the district website here: www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/OUR-DISTRICT/Bond-Program/Bond-Measure-L

The District conducted a Facilities Needs and Assessment Study that identified over \$251 million in necessary improvements to our schools. Our District has extensive facilities needs and this measure has helped complete the first phase of improvements to our schools. Today, however, many of our schools continue to age and need safety and modernization improvements to meet current standards.

How I can receive more information or ask questions?

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Kevin Franklin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at kfranklin@busd.net.

如果您想要這些資訊的 (越南文/中文/西班牙文) 版, 請前往 www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Potential-Measure 或致電 (408) 923-1800。

Si quisiera esta información en (vietnamita / mandarín / español), por favor vaya a www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Potential-Measure o llame al (408) 923-1800.

Nếu quý vị muốn nhận thông tin bằng tiếng (Việt / Quan Thoại / Tây Ban Nha), xin truy cập www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Potential-Measure hay gọi điện đến (408) 923-1800.



Here's What You Told Us



Important Update from Berryessa Union School District

YOU ARE INVITED

Please attend our upcoming meeting when the Board of Trustees will consider the local facilities bond measure. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM on November 12, 2019 in the Board Room at 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA 95132.

Here's What You Told Us About Your Priorities

for Maintaining Outstanding Berryessa Schools



Dear Berryessa Neighbor,

Here in the Berryessa Union School District, we are proud of our innovative teaching styles and highly qualified teachers, school site principals and staff who provide an excellent learning experience for our students from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade. As we look to the future, we are focused on continuing this tradition of excellence.

We recently reached out to our community to seek feedback about Berryessa schools and priorities for upgrading our aging school facilities to continue quality education. We sent out a survey through the mail and also provided an online version. We are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to provide their input as we seek to evaluate potential funding options.

Thank you for your continued support of our outstanding Berryessa schools. Please fill out our survey if you have not already done so by visiting www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/Potential-Measure. Your input is critical and will help shape the future of our schools.

We look forward to our continued partnership!

Sincerely,

Roxane Fuentes

Dr. Roxane Fuentes
Superintendent



Potential Local Facilities Measure

Although some of our classrooms and facilities have been updated recently, many of our facilities are decades old and in need of repairs to meet today's standards and ensure student safety.

To update our schools and complete the next phase of facility improvements, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees is considering placing a local school facilities bond measure on the ballot in March. Although no final decisions have been made, a measure may cost \$28.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value per year for as long as bonds are outstanding and generate \$98 million in locally-controlled funding for our schools.

The measure may make additional improvements, including:

- Make essential school safety and security improvements
- Update science, music and the arts classrooms and labs for 21st-century learning
- Upgrade and modernize aging school facilities
- Replace aging fire alarms and communication systems
- Ensure playgrounds, walkways and fields meet current safety standards
- Update classroom learning technology equipment



HERE'S WHAT YOU TOLD US

Many Berryessa Union community members have participated in our survey so far, as we evaluate the best way to support excellent education in Berryessa Union School District. Here's what you told us:



Strict Fiscal Accountability

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

*Respondents indicating high or medium priority. Includes all responses through October 18, 2019.

