

EXHIBIT "A"

BALLOT MEASURE
(FULL TEXT)

"To relieve overcrowded classrooms by building more high schools; acquire land; repair and renovate aging electrical and plumbing systems; become eligible for millions in State matching funds; provide computer and science labs; improve student safety; all through a comprehensive plan; shall Santa Maria Joint Union High School District issue \$98 million of bonds at legal rates, appoint a Citizens Oversight Committee, perform annual audits with no bond money used for administrative salaries?"

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of bonds will be used only for constructing, reconstructing, upgrading or replacing school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and *not for any other purposes, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.*

Priority Projects

The District intends to complete the following projects using bond proceeds up to \$98 million. Generating said dollars from bond proceeds would qualify the district to receive up to a like amount of matching state funds for additional classroom facilities.

To provide adequate school facilities for all Santa Maria Joint Union High School students, the District will:

1. Reduce serious classroom overcrowding by building the additional high schools needed to provide the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District with the necessary classroom space according to the district's comprehensive 10 Year High School Facilities Master Plan; and allow the district to become eligible for millions in State Matching funds.
2. Bring relief to all parts of the district by building one high school in the Northern end of the district and one in the South.
3. Build an additional continuation high school in the North side of our community.
4. Upgrade outdated electrical systems at Santa Maria High to give our students access to modern technology.
5. Improve and expand student safety at Santa Maria and Righetti High Schools by repairing and renovating aging educational buildings and facilities.

6. Renovate classrooms and make needed repairs to aging electrical systems at Righetti High - increasing access to modern technology.
7. Make needed safety repairs at Righetti High by re-directing parking and easing traffic.
8. Continue to renovate, modernize, upgrade, equip and add the necessary educational and support furnishings, equipment and facilities.

The priority and timing of completion of the foregoing projects will be established by the Board of Trustees after review by the Citizen Oversight Committee.

The District's Board of Trustees has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the foregoing list.

The District's Board of Trustees will conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the project list set forth above.

The District's Board of Trustees will conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects.

Pursuant to Section 15272 of the Education Code, the District's Board of Trustees will appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvements and for no other purposes.