PERRIS UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Keeping Pace in the 21st Century

Perris Union High School District strives to provide a caring, diverse and supportive learning environment for local students in the communities of Menifee, Perris, Romoland and Nuevo. We aim to prepare our students for success in college and future careers, ensuring that they are skilled in the use of today's technologies and have a solid background in science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Our students make us proud and we are committed to ensuring that each child has an equal opportunity for success.

KEEPING UP WITH RAPID ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Our area is growing fast. For example, Paloma Valley High School — which was built for 2,200 students — currently has 3,200 students, and is expected to reach almost 4,000 students within five years. Crowded schools reduce the amount of time teachers get to spend with students, making it more difficult to teach and learn effectively. We need to build additional schools to keep up with this sustained growth and relieve overcrowding at our existing schools.

SEEKING A LOCAL SOLUTION TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING

We cannot rely on the State to provide the level of funding needed to relieve overcrowding in our schools. Thus, the PUHSD Board of Trustees is closely working with community members to examine local solutions. One option currently being considered is a $148 million bond measure, which would provide locally controlled funding entirely dedicated to building and improving local high schools. The cost would be limited to no more than $30 per $100,000 of assessed value (not market value) annually.

While some school improvements have been made recently, enrollment growth continues to impact our schools. Funding from a bond measure could support identified priority needs in our District, including:

- Building a new high school in Menifee to relieve overcrowding at existing schools
- Completing the final phase of construction at Perris High School, which includes additional career technical education classrooms, a performing arts center and a single point of entry for student safety
- Expanding physical education and athletic facilities needed to support student health, fitness and safety
- Upgrading career training facilities that prepare students for careers in healthcare, biomedical science, computer science, agriculture and skilled trades
- Providing modern classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts, math and skilled trades

LOCAL CONTROL AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Bond measures are subject to mandatory fiscal accountability provisions to ensure that all funds stay local. A project list outlining the exact use of all funds, independent audits and a Citizens' Oversight Committee are all required. Bond funding cannot be used for administrators' salaries or benefits and legally, it cannot be taken away by the state government.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Community input will be invaluable as we consider various solutions. We hope that you will make your voice heard and let us know what you think. Please visit www.PUSHD.org/KeepingPace or contact the office of Superintendent Grant Bennett at (951) 943-6369 x80102 with feedback or any questions.