

NOTICE TO VOTERS



INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE W FROM THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SERVING STUDENTS IN MENIFEE, PERRIS, ROMOLAND AND NUEVO

MEASURE W: LOCAL SCHOOL BOND TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING

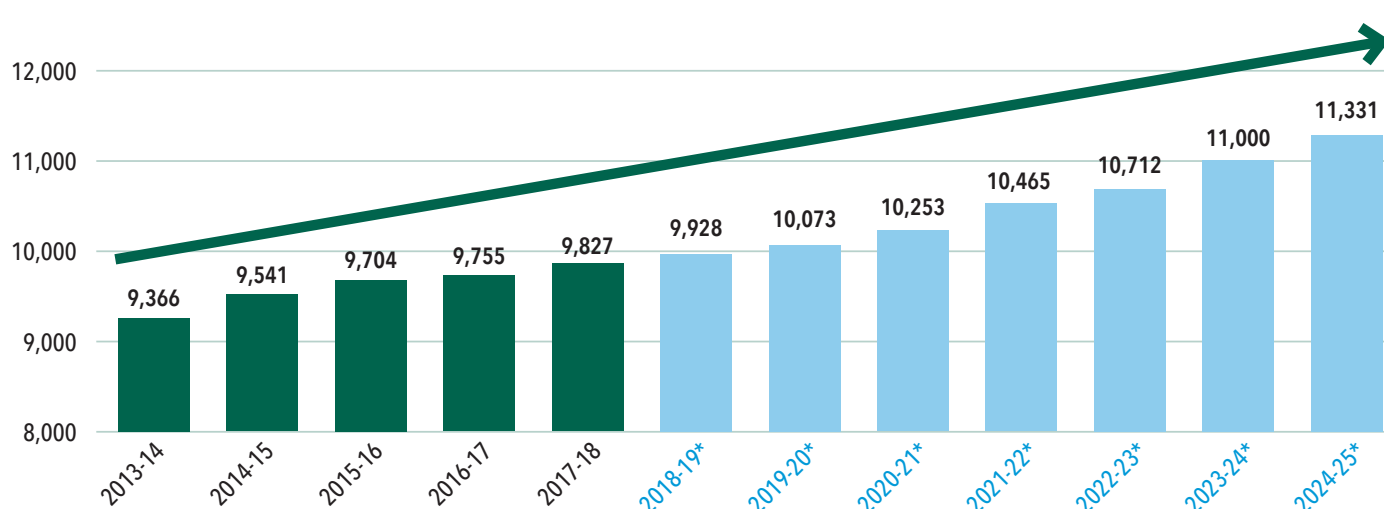


KEEPING UP WITH RAPID ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Perris Union High School District (PUHSD) strives to provide a caring, diverse and supportive learning environment for local students in the communities of Menifee, Perris, Romoland and Nuevo. But our area is growing fast, and so is the student population in our schools. In just 6 years, our local school enrollment is projected to increase by approximately 1,500 students, or 15.3%, and our existing schools are already overcrowded.

Currently, there is not enough lab space to meet student demand for science, technology and engineering classes, meaning students can't get the 21st-century education they need. Crowded schools limit educational opportunities, decrease campus security and threaten student safety. We need to build additional schools to keep up with this sustained growth and relieve overcrowding at our existing schools.

GROWING ENROLLMENT = OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS



MEASURE W – A LOCAL SOLUTION FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

PUHSD has been working closely with members of the local community to address our critical needs and develop a solution to school overcrowding. On July 16, the PUHSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure W, a school improvement bond measure, on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Locally controlled revenue from Measure W would support essential school improvements, such as:

- Building a new high school for Menifee to relieve overcrowding at existing schools
- Completing the final phase of construction at Perris High School, including career technical education classrooms 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 21st-century careers in healthcare, biomedical science, computer science, agriculture and skilled trades
- Improving access to modern classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in science, technology, engineering and math

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED

To ensure funds from Measure W are spent as promised, the following fiscal accountability provisions are included in the measure:

- By law, bond funding could not be taken away by the State or federal government
- A mandatory project list outlining the use of all the funds is included in Measure W
- Annual independent audits and a Citizens' Oversight Committee are required
- Measure W funding could not be used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- The cost must be limited to \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) annually: less than \$7 per month for the average homeowner

SAMPLE BALLOT

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE W

"To construct a high school for Menifee, additional classrooms at high schools serving Perris, Romoland, and Nuevo, relieve severe overcrowding, improve our schools, student safety, college readiness, access to math, science, engineering, technology, skilled trades, repair, acquire, construct classrooms/labs/equipment/facilities, shall this Perris Union High School District measure authorizing \$148,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately 3¢/\$100 assessed value (averaging \$10,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be approved, with citizen oversight/all money locally controlled?"

☐ YES
☐ NO



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEASURE W

Q. HOW HAS ENROLLMENT GROWTH AFFECTED OUR SCHOOLS?

A. 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.

Q. IS THERE A PLAN TO KEEP PACE WITH THIS RAPID ENROLLMENT GROWTH?

A. For over a year, the District has been closely examining local solutions to relieve overcrowding. We know we cannot rely on the State to provide the level of funding needed to address the significant enrollment growth in our schools. On July 16, the PUHSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure W, a \$148 million school improvement bond measure, on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Measure W would provide locally controlled funding entirely dedicated to building and improving local secondary schools in our District.

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Perris High School • Paloma Valley High School
Heritage High School • Pinacate Middle School
Perris Lake High School • Perris Community Adult School
Scholar+ Online Learning Academy
California Military Institute

Q. WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS WOULD MEASURE W FUND?

A. Locally controlled revenue from Measure W would support essential school improvements to relieve overcrowding. This would include building a new high school for Menifee, completing the final phase of construction at Perris High School, expanding physical education and athletic facilities, upgrading career training facilities and improving access to modern classrooms, labs and technology. For a full list, please visit www.PUHSD.org/KeepingPace.

Q. HOW MUCH WOULD MEASURE W COST?

A. The cost of Measure W would be limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value of local property. For the average homeowner, that's less than \$7 per month. Assessed value is based on the original purchase price of a home and is often lower than market value, particularly for those residents that have owned their homes for a long time.

Q. DOES MEASURE W INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS?

A. Yes. Measure W is subject to specific requirements to ensure transparency. By law, funds from Measure W cannot be taken away by the State or federal government. A project list outlining the use of all Measure W funds is mandatory, and annual independent audits and a Citizens' Oversight Committee are required. Funding from Measure W cannot be used for administrators' salaries or benefits.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING – ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 6

- If you vote by mail, look for your mail ballot: Week of October 8
- Last day to register to vote in this election: October 22
- Last day to request a mail ballot: October 30
- Not registered to vote? Sign up at www.registertovote.ca.gov

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