



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.

MEASURE W: A LOCAL SCHOOL BOND TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING

We cannot rely on the State to provide the level of funding needed to relieve overcrowding in our schools. On July 16, the PUHSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure W, a \$148 million school improvement measure, on the November 6 ballot. Measure W would provide locally controlled funding entirely dedicated to building and improving local high schools. The cost of Measure W would be limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) annually. For the average homeowner, this would cost less than \$7 per month.

While some school improvements have been made recently, enrollment growth continues to impact our schools. Funding from Measure W would 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, 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, arts and math

LOCAL CONTROL AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Measure W is 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. Funds from Measure W cannot be used for administrators' salaries or benefits and legally, it cannot be taken away by the state government.