



# BOND MEASURE "H"

## Middletown Unified School District Fact Sheet/ Q&A

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- Q. What is Measure "H"?**
- A.** Measure "H" is a general obligation bond school improvement measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot that will:
- Allow the District to sell up to \$28 million in bonds to build/renovate classrooms and modernize the outdated facilities
  - Improve student safety and security
  - Provide a local match, making the District eligible to receive nearly \$14 million in state matching grants
- Q. Why has the Middletown Board voted to place Measure "H" on the November 6, 2018 ballot?**
- A.** Over the years, the District has had limited resources available to address its school facilities needs. Given the age of our schools, initially Measure "H" money will focus primarily on basic safety and infrastructure including, plumbing, electrical, and structural improvements. Measure "H" will also be providing the necessary facilities upgrades and modernization to support a 21st century education.
- Q. What are General Obligation (GO) Bonds?**
- A.** GO Bonds are a form of borrowing made by the District. The GO Bonds are repaid from property taxes that are collected within the District, typically over 25-30 years. GO Bond funds can only be used to pay for buildings and other infrastructure projects, including construction, and modernization, as approved by District voters.
- Q. How would the GO Bonds be repaid?**
- A.** GO Bonds are repaid from an annual tax levied on property within the District's boundaries. The amount of the tax is determined by the assessed value of a property (not market value).
- Q. How much would it cost?**
- A.** The proposed Measure "H" would cost property owners an estimated \$60 a year per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The average homeowner with an assessed value of \$250,000 would pay approximately \$150 in additional taxes, or \$12.50 per month.
- Q. Would all funds be used exclusively for Middletown?**
- A.** Yes! Measure "H" funds would be dedicated only for uses benefiting Middletown Unified school facilities, as approved by District voters.

- Q. Is now a good time for a bond measure?**
- A.** A community survey of registered voters indicated that over 72% of respondents would support a potential measure. What's more, many surrounding districts in Lake County have successfully passed similar school funding measures.
- Q. What safeguards does the community have to ensure the bond money is not misused?**
- A.** The expenditures will be reviewed and monitored by an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. This committee consists of community members from within Middletown. This will ensure the money is spent on projects identified in the project list. State law requires a detailed list of projects be presented to District voters. Only projects identified on the project list may be funded from the Measure "H". Bond funds cannot be spent on administrator or teacher salaries.
- Q. What happens if the proposed Measure "H" fails?**
- A.** Measure "H" requires 55% of voter approval for passage. If it fails, these improvements will have to be delayed and our school facilities needs would continue to increase over time along with potential costs. In some cases, projects will have to be paid from other District funding sources that could otherwise be used for academic programs and operations.
- Q. We have a lot of school facility needs; will Measure "H" address them all?**
- A.** The funds generated by Measure "H" cannot meet all of the District's facilities needs as they are extensive. But Measure "H" will be used to address the many infrastructure needs and classroom upgrades that will help our children be competitive and safe.
- Q. What about other sources of funding?**
- A.** The District's General Fund annual budget comes from the State and only covers educational programs and other ongoing costs of running our schools, including teacher salaries. The District's General Fund does not account for major school construction needs. Additionally, State lottery funds are primarily restricted for educational purposes. Utilizing Measure "H" funds as a local match, the District will also apply for over \$14 million in State grants and matching funds in order to maximize total available funding for our school capital needs.
- Q. Who can vote on Measure "H" on November 6<sup>th</sup> ?**
- A.** All registered voters who live within the boundaries of the Middletown Unified School District are eligible to vote on Measure "H". The last day to register to vote for the November 6th election is October 24th. You can register to vote at: <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>
- Q. Where can I find additional information?**
- A.** Please send questions about the Middletown Unified Measure "H" to Superintendent, Catherine Stone ([Catherine.stone@middletownusd.org](mailto:Catherine.stone@middletownusd.org)) or call (707) 987-4100.

Middletown USD Master Plan Draft Project Estimate				
	Mandatory	Critical	Desires	Comments
District	District Office	\$1,557,504		
	Bus Yard		\$449,946	\$1,578,054
	Site Totals	\$1,557,504	\$449,946	\$1,578,054
				\$3,585,504
High School	Security and Safety	\$1,675,626		
	Bldgs A, B and G modernization		\$5,345,916	\$316,368
	5 Modular CR to replace portables		\$4,049,510	
	Lib/Learning Center modernization		\$928,013	
	Gymnasium modernization	\$1,875,359		\$3,706,075
	Field House - weight/wrestling			\$11,020,152
	Multi-Use Building modernization			\$2,798,099
	Agriculture Science Modernization			\$539,935
	Wood and Metal Shop			\$2,530,944
	Performing Arts Building			\$13,920,192
	Site Maintenance and Repair		\$741,008	
	Interior Court Improvements			\$830,290
	All-Weather Track Surfacing			\$773,344
	AC walks and ballfield improvements			\$492,128
		Site Totals	\$3,550,985	\$11,064,444
				\$51,542,956
Middle School	Security and Safety	\$718,015		
	Site Maintenance and Repair	\$942,074		
	Court Improvements			\$586,673
	Hardcourt Improvements			\$180,274
	2-story CR to replace portables		\$12,366,474	
	Building J Modernization		\$2,969,641	
	Lib/Learning Center modernization		\$984,256	
	Gymnasium modernization	\$2,165,363	\$1,328,746	
	Modernize Administration			\$773,344
		Site Totals	\$3,825,452	\$17,649,116
				\$23,014,858
Minnie Cannon	Security and Safety	\$330,429		
	3 Modular CR to replace portables		\$2,746,074	
	Site Improvements Incl shade			\$1,185,325
	Modernize Administration		\$92,801	
	New Admin and Student Services			\$1,819,468
	New Multi-Purpose Building			\$6,327,360
	Site Totals	\$330,429	\$2,838,876	\$9,332,153
				\$12,501,457
Coyote Valley	Security and Safety	\$631,330		
	Modernize Kinder Building		\$1,637,802	
	Modernize CR Building C		\$2,488,234	\$126,547
	Modernize Modular CR "Deck"		\$1,871,392	
	Modular CR to replace portables		\$6,795,585	
	Admin/Library Modernization		\$1,619,804	
	Multi-Use Building modernization		\$2,304,565	
	New Large Activity Room			\$4,745,520
	Accessible Pathways	\$186,306		
	Modified Drop-off/Pick-up		\$533,607	
	Sanitary Sewer Tie			\$70,304
Shade Structures			\$1,349,837	
	Site Totals	\$817,636	\$17,251,090	\$6,292,208
				\$24,360,934
Cobb Mountain	Security and Safety			
	Fencing and Pathway	\$260,125		
	other	\$321,149		
	Accessible Pathways	\$369,799		
	Shade Structure			\$67,492
	Admin/Learning Commons/Student Services/Art - replacement of 3 portables		\$3,203,050	
	Kinder CR Modernization		\$269,967	
	Kinder Play yard pavement repair			\$4,218
	CR Bldg B and C modernization		\$1,659,174	
	Outdoor Learning Area			\$168,730
	Multi-Use Building modernization		\$1,444,747	
	Multi-Use Building expansion			\$1,716,824
	3 Western Portable modernization		\$809,902	
	3 portable replacement			\$2,733,420
	Amphitheater Shade Structure			\$87,500
	Decomposed Granite Track Repair			\$300,000
	Decomposed Granite Track and Field Drainage			\$1,665,700
	Site Totals	\$951,073	\$7,386,841	\$6,743,883
				\$15,081,797
Totals	DISTRICT TOTALS	\$11,033,077	\$56,640,312	\$62,414,116
	Cumulative		\$67,673,389	\$130,087,505
				\$33,128,076
				\$44,161,153

