Looking Forward: Strategies for future facility and fiscal needs



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What we will cover tonight

- □ Brief background on facility development in the district
- □ Status of facility projects and maintenance
- □ Future needs
- □ Recommended next steps

Facility development in PVUSD

- □ 1999 District qualifies for 100% of State Facility Hardship Funds
 - All schools received elements of modernization and structural retrofits
 - All state funding, no local match
- 2002 District passes Measure J
 - District share \$58 million
 - Targeted to specific areas Aptos and Watsonville area schools
 - Specific projects gyms, pools, tennis courts, fields, performing arts centers, PV High, Mintie
 White Cafeteria
 - Two oversight committees Aptos and Watsonville areas
- □ Misc. Certificates of Participation (COPs)
 - Used for bridge financing
 - Specific projects ILC Adult Ed Building Downtown Watsonville

Status update on Measure J

- □ Last major Measure J Project EA Hall Gym will be completed in May
- □ Tax rate average has been \$28.52 per \$100,000 assessed value below \$32.89 projected rate
- ☐ Citizen oversight committees have provided oversight and annual independent audits have indicated appropriate fiscal management by the district

No "shovel ready" projects

- □ With completion of Measure J projects, the district does not have an updated financing strategy for future projects
- Facility Master Plan needs to be updated last done in 2008 (data is from 2007)
- District has not been able to qualify for various state and federal facility funds because it does not have state-approved facility plans and local matching funds
- Missed opportunities:
 - Qualified School Construction Bonds
 - Federal ARRA bonds
 - Emergency repair grants
 - State Priority Facility Funds

Future facility needs

- □ The district faces significant deferred maintenance and modernization needs
 - Now eligible for state modernization funds for buildings 25 years or older, portables 20 years +
 - But need local match and approved plans to be eligible for this state funding
- □ District demographic projections should be updated to determine future need for new school facilities
- Portions of the district (North area) do not qualify for certain state and federal funds
 Bond funding could be used to address state and federal funding discrepancies

Initial needs assessment

District staff have identified the following facility and infrastructure needs:

- □ Technology and related infrastructure especially in the North area
- □ Modernization and upgrades (roofs, parking lots, walkways, windows etc)
- ☐ Complete PV High School (but update the current plan)
- □ Upgraded / expanded cafeterias at specific sites
- School safety and health related matters
- □ Elementary play structures many old and out of compliance
- □ Implement solar and other environmental upgrades
- Additional funding to help offset loss of deferred maintenance funds

Possible financing options

- Bond funding can be used to relieve district General Fund costs for maintenance and operations
- Bonds can be utilized to offset the loss of state Deferred Maintenance funding
- Parcel tax funding can be used to protect board priorities technology, class-size reduction, art and music programs, libraries, student health and safety
- All of these options provide the district greater fiscal control outside of Sacramento's influence

Recommended next steps

- Update district Facility Master Plan and Needs Assessment current plan is obsolete
- ☐ Seek input from district stakeholders via the Fiscal and Facilities Advisory
 Committee conduct a facility needs tour
- Bring recommended action strategy for board consideration in May
 - Develop a short range plan
 - Develop long range plan

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Questions, comments, input