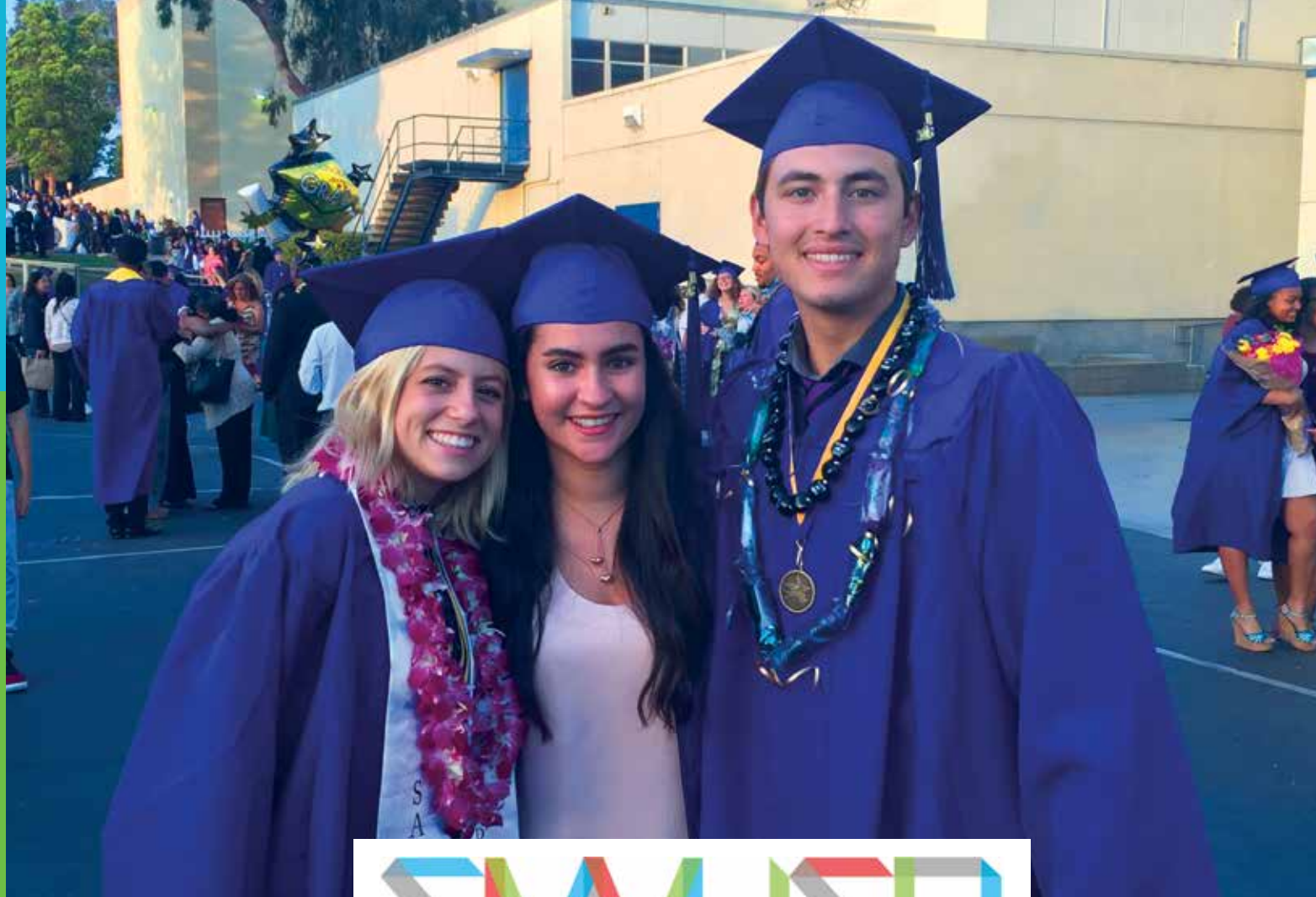


# Information for Voters



## An Update About Local Funding for Santa Monica Schools

### Important Information About Measure SMS: the Santa Monica School Improvement Funding Measure

#### Quality Education and Facilities for our Local Students

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) serves approximately 9,200 students in eight elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools within the City of Santa Monica. Highly qualified teachers and staff and strong academic programs support Santa Monica students to achieve some of the state's highest honors and enable them to go on to top colleges.

School facilities are also integral to the quality of education. However, some Santa Monica High School classrooms are in 100-year-old buildings that need to be replaced or modernized to support 21st-century learning, and repairs and upgrades are needed at all Santa Monica schools to meet today's academic and safety standards.



#### You Spoke, We Listened

In June of this year, we mailed a survey asking for the community's opinions regarding improvements to the District's educational facilities. Here is what the Santa Monica community told us was most important:

##### Highest Priorities for Santa Monica School Improvements

Improve classrooms to support instruction in math, science and technology	93.46%
Remove hazardous materials from local schools	92.90%
Add classrooms and labs for teaching 21st-century career and technical skills	91.77%
Fix deteriorating school floors, walls, windows and roofs at older schools	91.77%
Improve fire safety and security systems	90.29%

Reflects respondents who rated item as medium or high priority as of July 17, 2018.

#### Local Funding Measure for Santa Monica School Facility Needs

In order to address school facility needs and provide maximum local control to Santa Monica and Malibu in the use of each community's funds, the SMMUSD Board of Education has created two School Facility Improvement Districts ("SFIDs") and two separate bond measures — one for Santa Monica and one for Malibu. Funds raised by the bond measures would be dedicated to schools within each SFID to address the most urgent needs.

To continue to support outstanding education in Santa Monica, the SMMUSD Board of Education recently voted to place Measure SMS, the Santa Monica Classroom Repair and 21st-Century Education Bond, Measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

If approved by 55% of Santa Monica voters, Measure SMS would generate \$485 million in bond proceeds, repaid with annual property taxes at a rate of approximately 4 cents per \$100 of assessed (not market) value.

If approved by local voters, Measure SMS would:

- Add and modernize science labs and build classrooms for teaching career and technical skills to help students succeed in 21st-century jobs
- Fix older, leaky roofs and replace or repair aging school restrooms and plumbing, where needed
- Improve and upgrade classrooms to support instruction in math, science and technology, and improve arts and music education
- Replace old, deteriorated portable classrooms with safe, modern classrooms
- Remove hazardous materials from local schools and improve fire safety and security; repair and replace deteriorating school floors, walls, windows and roofs



#### Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

To ensure funds from Measure SMS are spent as promised to address important facilities needs in Santa Monica schools, the following mandatory fiscal accountability safeguards are included:

- All funds would be used to improve Santa Monica schools and, by law, could not be used for any other purpose or be taken by the State
- A citizens' oversight committee and annual audits would be required



## Upcoming Election Information Santa Monica School Improvement Funding

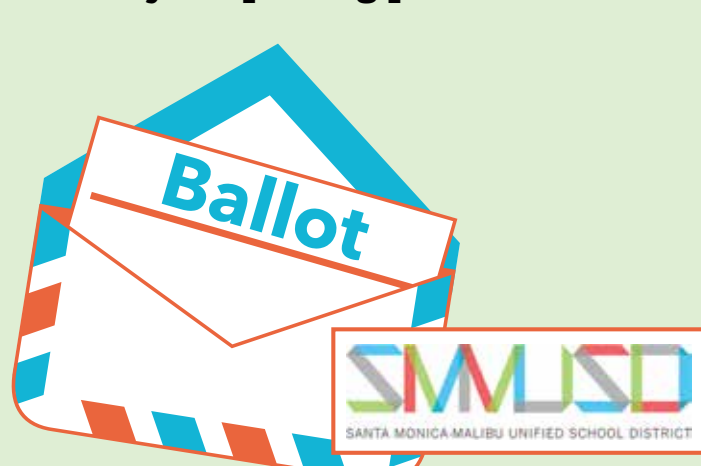
If you vote by mail, look for your mail ballot: **Week of October 8th**

Last day to register to vote in this election: **October 22nd**

Last day to request a mail ballot: **October 30th**

Election Day: **November 6th**

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