

# Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 2015/16 Annual Report

## Measure K and KK

Desert Sands Unified School District

December 2016



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The Desert Sands Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is pleased to present its first Annual Report for Measure K and KK, as required by Proposition 39. The \$225 Million Measure KK was approved by almost 70% of the voters in November 2014. We are a nine-member committee established by the Desert Sands Unified School Board to ensure that bond funds are spent as originally promised and specified in the November 2014 election. Our committee is regularly updated on the progress of Measure K and KK projects, and schedules periodic tours of renovation and construction sites to see the progress first hand.

Measure K, a \$450 million bond, was approved in 2001 by almost 81 percent of the voters, and has provided many needed new schools and modernization projects that were part of the District's Facilities Master Plan. The Indio High School reconstruction project is the last Measure K project, and is expected to be completed in early 2018. Since there are funds remaining to complete the Indio High School Project, the Measure K Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee has been merged into a combined Measure K and KK Oversight Committee.

One of the commitments of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee made at its very first meeting was to ensure that the community receives full transparency regarding all Measure K and KK projects. This Annual Report is a summary of the work accomplished this past year. If you have any questions or concerns about any bond projects, please feel to contact committee members or call the Desert Sands Unified School District at 760-771-8520. Additional information, including meeting dates, agendas, and minutes of meetings, are posted on the committee's website: [www.dsusd.us/coc](http://www.dsusd.us/coc). All of our meetings are open to the public.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Bill Feddersen  
Committee Chair





## INDIO HIGH SCHOOL

**Project Construction Schedule:** 2011 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure K\*

*\*This is the last project to be completed using Measure K funds.*

**Budget:** \$160 million

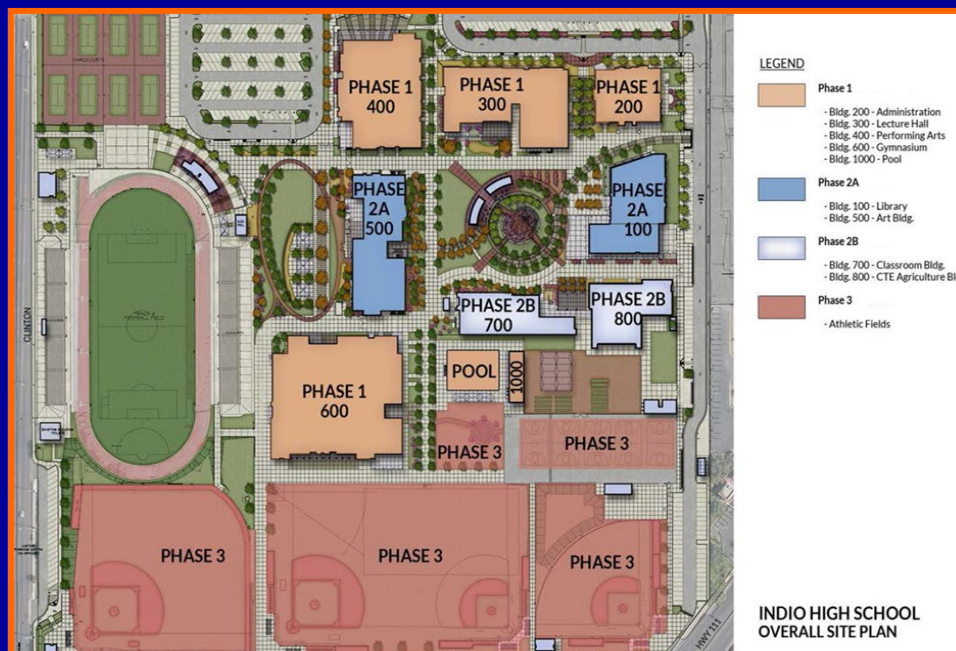
### Project Narrative:

Indio High School reconstruction project is a multi-phased project which consists of 300,000 square feet including eight new buildings, new pool facilities and new baseball and softball fields.

Phase 1 started with the first of demolition in late 2011 and the rough grading and underground utilities for phase 1 in June of 2012. The construction of the new buildings started in February 2013 and included the gymnasium, science classroom building, administration building, and performing arts center. This phase was completed in December 2014, with the exception of the performing arts center, which was completed in June of 2015.

Phase 2 started in January 2015 and is scheduled to be complete in December 2016. Phase 2 includes the new library and kitchen building, the arts building, the career technical education building, and a general education classroom building.

Phase 3 is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2017 and be completed in early 2018. This phase consists of the reconstruction of the baseball and softball fields.







## **NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #7**

Avenue 42 and Gore Street, Indio

**Project Construction Schedule:** 2017 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$30.2 million

### **Project Narrative:**

The new elementary school will consist of innovative design concepts through the use of plaster, corrugated metal and perforated metal. Inspired by its natural desert environment, the dark colored buildings are animated with accents of color, helping to identify spaces by grade levels. An entry canopy welcomes visitors, and includes a support structure for solar panel opportunities. There are three unique buildings organized around a central courtyard which provide security for the campus, and protection from the wind. In an environment where wind is a major obstacle for exterior activities, the design team created a protected exterior oasis for kinder play and provided outdoor collaborative learning spaces as part of the design.





## HERBERT HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Project Construction Schedule:** 2016 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$17 million

### **Project Narrative:**

The modernization is a phased project and will replace the portables at this campus with a new classroom building, which will include 21st century classroom instructional technology. The new classroom building features a central, shared learning center to accommodate project based learning. A new administration building improves both security and supervision at the campus and creates a single point of entry which requires visitors to sign in before they access the campus. This project also includes a new multi- purpose building. A music room is an added feature as part of this building and will bring additional support space to the school instructional programs. The new multi-purpose and administration buildings are located for easy and secure access from the new parking lot for after-hours events and activities. The existing multi-purpose building will be converted into a state of the art library facility, which includes a small group reading area. This project is also planned to convert the existing teachers' lounge and workroom into an additional kindergarten classroom, while the existing classroom wings will receive minor interior improvements to support the latest classroom instructional technology.



## LA QUINTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Project Construction Schedule:** 2017 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$18 million

### **Project Narrative:**

This exciting project includes a new campus entry giving the site a renewed appearance. All buildings on this campus will include a complete modernization. All classroom improvements will include District upgraded technology standards. There will be a new state-of-the-art science building with outdoor learning space that gives a new home to the STEM program on campus along with support spaces, such as maker spaces, and art classrooms. This project will also include an updated library and media center. A new fitness center is incorporated into this project and will give students a space for indoor activities to support the ongoing health and wellness program on campus. The existing administration building will also be renovated and reorganized to support a single point of entry and to provide secured access onto the campus.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

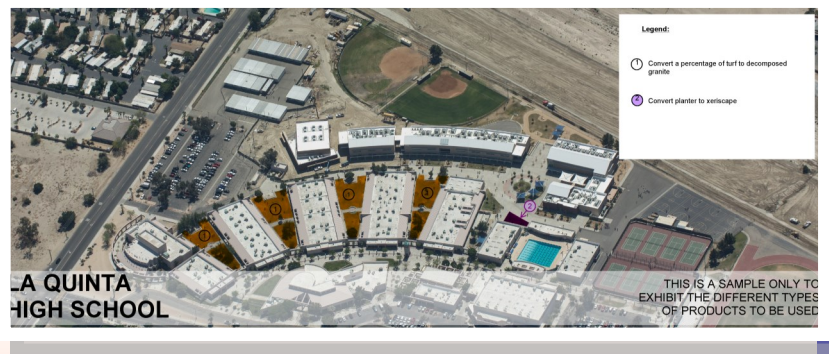
**Project Construction Schedule:** 2017 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$1.1 million

### Project Narrative:

The energy efficiency projects will take place at various school sites throughout the District. These projects will take into consideration current water usage restrictions, and improve maintainability throughout our campuses. The improvements may include the conversion of existing planter areas to turf, conversion of grass areas with high water consumption to planters with drought resistant plants and materials, and the conversion of existing planter in high traffic areas to concrete or decomposed granite with the goal of water conservation.



## ROOSEVELT SEISMIC REPAIRS

**Project Construction Schedule:** 2017 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$2.5 million

### Project Narrative:

Roosevelt Elementary School seismic repair project will include seismic upgrades to meet current codes. This project qualifies for seismic funding from the State under the School Facility Program. The funding application will be processed through the Office of Public School Construction in efforts to maximize State funding on the project.



## SAFETY AND SECURITY

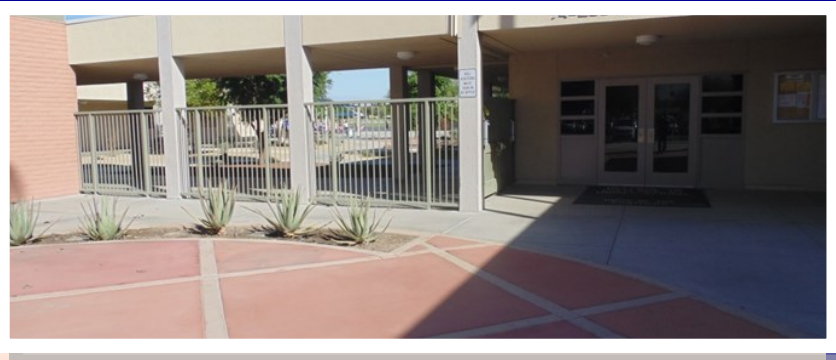
**Project Construction Schedule:** 2016 – 2018

**Funding Source:** Measure KK

**Budget:** \$2.2 million

### Project Narrative:

The safety and security projects will take place at various school sites throughout the District. The work may include the installation of fencing to create a single point of entry onto a campus, security cameras, pathway lighting, and other systems to improve safety and security at school sites.





## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS

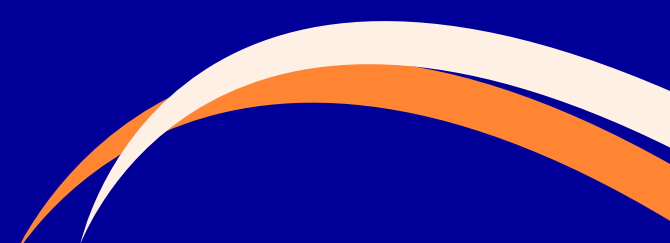
In compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, DSUSD engaged the CPA firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, to perform an Independent audit of the financial records of the bond program. A copy of the auditors' report for the year ending June 30, 2016 is located on the Citizens' Oversight Committee website at <http://www.dsusd.us/COC>.

In accordance with Education Code section 15280(b), the auditors reported the following results of their procedures:

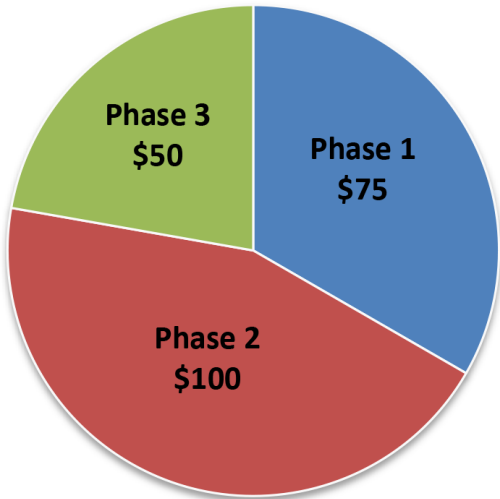
**Financial Audit:** "...the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Building Fund (Measure KK) of the Desert Sands Unified School District at June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

**Performance Audit:** "The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Desert Sands Unified School District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Building Fund (Measure KK) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects."

The Committee has reviewed the reports and has determined the District to be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution. Specifically, the District has:

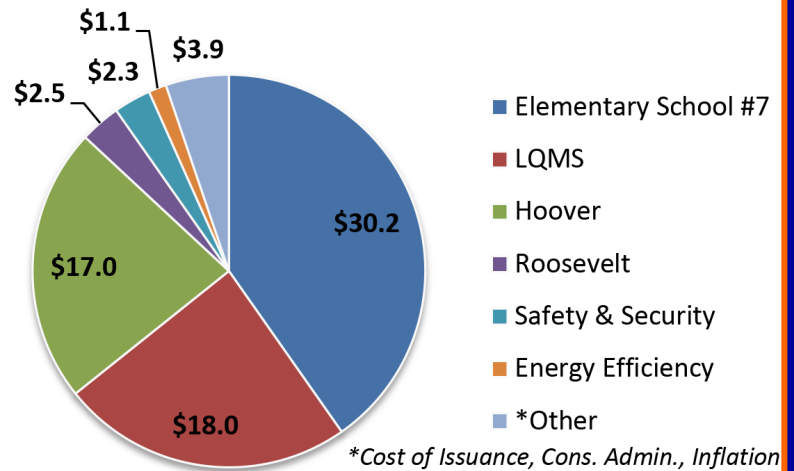
- a) Met the requirement that the sale of the bonds be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities
  - b) Provided a list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the school district board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list.
  - c) Met the requirement that the school district board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.
  - d) Met the requirement that the school district board conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects.
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## Measure KK - \$225 M



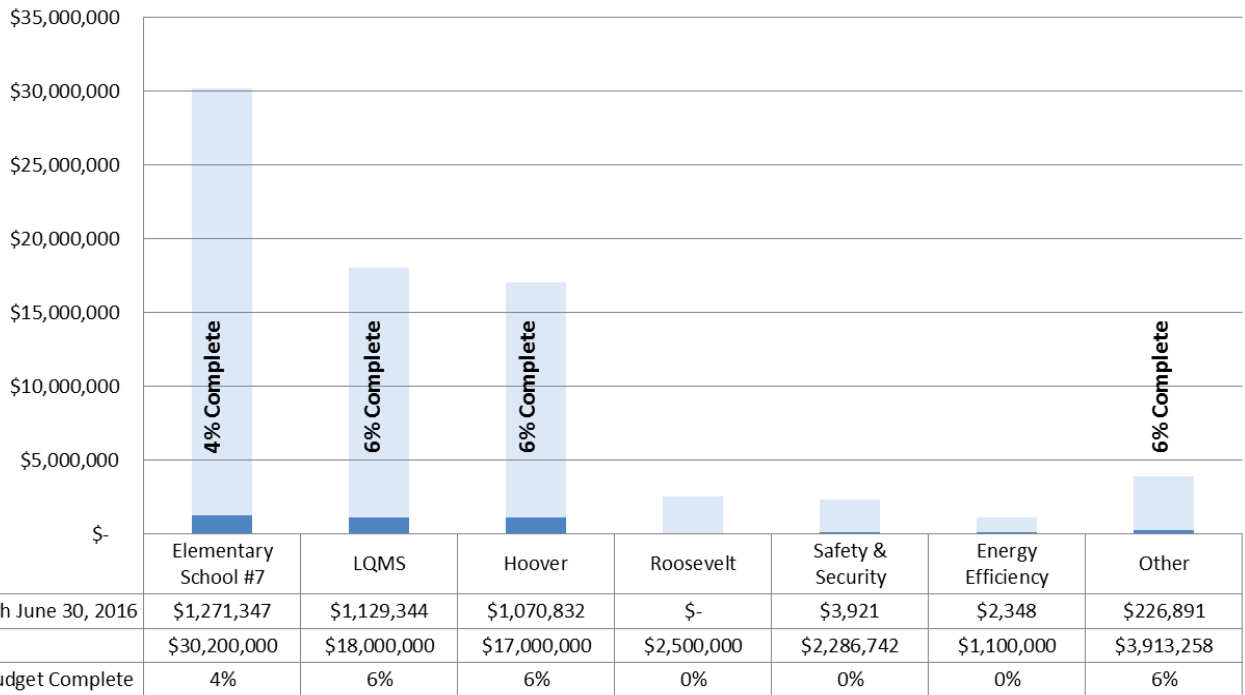
## Phase 1 - \$75 M

2015-2018



## Phase 1 Projects 2015-2018

Percent of Budget Complete by Project



## Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members



*Left to Right:* J. Spencer Baker, Rosanna Cardenas, Kathleen Boylan, Dr. Bill Feddersen, Sonja Martin, Arnold Kaminsky, Alice Young

*Not Pictured:* Elaine Eldred, Laura Lassman-Poster