#### Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 2017/18 Annual Report

**Measure KK** 

Desert Sands Unified School District December 2018





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The Desert Sands Unified School District's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is pleased to present its third Annual Report for Measure KK, as required by Proposition 39. The \$225 million bond-issue Measure KK was approved by almost 70% of the voters in November 2014.

We are a nine-member independent citizens committee established by the District Board of Education 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 KK projects and schedules periodic tours of renovation and construction sites to see the progress first hand.

Funds were used to build the new Richard Oliphant Elementary School, modernize La Quinta Middle School and Herbert Hoover Elementary School, along with additional security and technological improvements at many DSUSD schools.

The Bond Oversight Committee is committed to full transparency regarding all Measure 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 free 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. All of our meetings are open to the public and the committee encourages the public to attend meetings.

Arnold Kaminsky, Chair Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee



#### RICHARD R. OLIPHANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FORMERLY NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #7)

Project Construction Schedule: 2017 – 2018 Funding Source: Measure KK + Capital Facilities Funds Budget: \$31 million Project Narrative:

This new state of the art elementary school project in Indio, CA consists of over 56,000 square feet and includes a multi-purpose building, library, kitchen, administration offices, and three unique instructional buildings housing up to 600 students. The project started in April 2017 and was completed in time for the 2018-19 school year.





#### HERBERT HOOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project Construction Schedule: 2016 – 2018 Funding Source: Measure KK Budget: \$19 million Project Narrative:

The Herbert Hoover Elementary School modernization project was completed in phases while school was in session. The modernization work that was completed in time for the 2017-18 school year and included upgrades to classroom technology in the existing buildings, a new multi-purpose building, and administration and classroom buildings, along with a new parking lot that created a new main entrance to the campus. The final phase of construction included the conversion of the existing multi-purpose building into the library, and the conversion of the existing administration office into kindergarten and educational support space for the school. The final phase of construction was completed in the spring of 2018.



#### LA QUINTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Project Construction Schedule: 2017 – 2018

Funding Source: Measure KK

#### Budget: \$20.7 million

#### **Project Narrative:**

The project includes modernization of existing spaces and the addition of a new science classroom building. This modernization project was completed in phases while school activities were in session. The first two phases of the project included the renovation of the existing administration building, two classroom buildings, and the renovation of the kitchen building. The third phase of the project included the construction of a new science classroom building and the renovation of a classroom wing. The final phase of the project included the library building and the conversion of the existing science classrooms into an engineering lab and art rooms. The project was completed in time for the 2018-19 school year.

#### KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PHASE 2A

Project Construction Schedule: 2019 – 2020 Funding Source: Measure KK Budget: \$19.2 million

#### Project Narrative:

This project includes the demolition of the original administration building and classroom buildings at this site. These facilities will be replaced with new state of the art classroom facilities and administrative offices. The existing finishes in the existing multi-purpose building will be upgraded. The more recent classroom building at this site will receive technology upgrades to match the new classroom facilities and current district standards for technology.



#### MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PHASE 2A

Project Construction Schedule: 2019 – 2020 Funding Source: Measure KK Budget: \$9 million Project Narrative:

This project includes the modernization of the existing campus facilities. The existing classrooms, library, and educational support spaces will receive all new finishes and fire, life and safety code improvements. The classrooms will receive new technology to match the current technology standards.

## INDIO MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PHASE 2A

Project Construction Schedule: 2019 – 2020 Funding Source: Measure KK Budget: \$18.4 million Project Narrative:

This project includes the modernization of the existing campus facilities. The classrooms will receive new technology to meet the current technology standards. The existing classrooms, library, and support spaces will receive all new finishes and fire, life and safety code improvements.



#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

Project Construction Schedule: 2016 – 2019

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. The most recent measures were the completion of the single point of entry fencing and gates at Palm Desert Charter Middle School and district-wide radio communication systems installation.

#### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Project Construction Schedule: 2018 – 2019 Funding Source: Measure KK Budget: \$1.1 million Project Narrative:

Energy efficiency projects are in the planning stage at various school sites throughout the district. These projects may take into consideration current water usage restrictions, and improve maintainability throughout our campuses. The improvements may include the conversion of existing planters to turf, conversion of grass areas with high water consumption to planters with drought resistant plants and materials, and the conversion of existing planters in high traffic areas

to concrete or decomposed granite with the goal of water conservation.



#### 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, 2018 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, 2018, 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 XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution. Specifically, the District has:

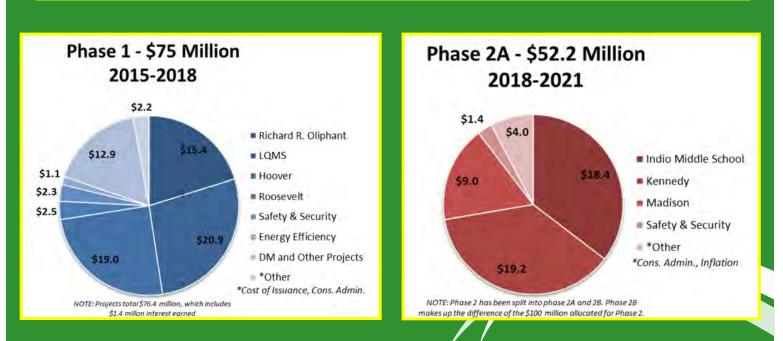
- a) Met the requirement that the sale of the bonds be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.
- b) Provided a 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.



Measure KK - \$225 Million Phase 3 \$50.0 Phase 1 \$75.0 Phase 2B \$47.7 Phase 2A \$52.2

Phase 1 Projects 2015-2018 Percent of Budget Complete by Project





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