NOTICE OF ELECTION – BALLOT MEASURE

NOTICE OF BALLOT MEASURES TO BE DECIDED UPON. NOTICE OF TIME WITHIN WHICH ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES MAY BE FILED WITH THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNTING LOCATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTIONS LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ELECTION.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION, THE FOLLOWING MEASURE SHALL BE PUT TO A VOTE FOR THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

MEASURE T

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND OF 2026

BALLOT QUESTION

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

WITH NO ESTIMATED INCREASE IN CURRENT TAX RATES, shall Lodi Unified School District's measure to repair leaky roofs, plumbing, deteriorating electrical, gas lines, heating, and air conditioning; improve school security; and upgrade career training and college preparation classrooms be adopted, authorizing $195 million of bonds with legal rates, average annual levies below $22 per $100,000 of assessed valuation ($11.4 million annually) while outstanding, annual audits, independent citizen oversight, full disclosure of all spending, and all funds locally controlled?

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE T

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND OF 2026

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Lodi Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to $195,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- Lodi Unified School District has provided quality education to students in the local community over its long history, consistent with its mission to provide District students with the knowledge to recognize their significance and potential, allowing them to use their 21st century learning experiences to thrive as tomorrow's leaders, workers and democratic citizens.
- In the past, local voters have approved school facility bonds to help the District meet critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at the District's schools, and a citizens' oversight committee verified that all funds expended thus far were spent in accordance with voter-approved priorities.
- District voters have previously approved bond authorizations in 2002 and 2016, the combined tax rate associated with these two prior authorizations in the current 2025-26 fiscal year is $54.50 per $100,000 of assessed value (not market value) of taxable property.
- Bond revenue is the primary means by which all local school districts are able to keep its school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- Though bond funding has made a significant impact, our local schools still have urgent needs that reach beyond the scope of the District's annual operating budget, such that passing this bond measure provides a guaranteed and necessary source of local funding to maintain and improve the community's local school facilities.
- If bonds are approved under this measure, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series as a "bond extension" to prior its bond authorization, with bond maturities structured so that tax rate levied in each year is not projected to increase as compared to the current combined tax rate.
- The District has conducted a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to identify the upgrades needed at each school site in order to meet modern safety and security standards, to meet the District's goals for supporting current academic standards, and to address specific priorities at individual school sites.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.
- This bond measure will benefit local schools only and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions.
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Section 15264 et seq. of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall appoint a new or empower an existing independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

SECTION III: BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Section III: Bond Project List" comprises the list and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available). The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, all as listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facil ities, including administrative and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired, including, without limitation, the properties, school sites and facilities listed on the following page:

LODI USD SCHOOLS, SITES AND FACILITIES

Elementary Schools	Middle Schools
Ansel Adams Elementary	Christa McAuliffe Middle
Beckman Elementary	Delta Sierra Middle
Clairmont Elementary	Lodi Middle
Clyde W. Needham Elementary	Millswood Middle
Creekside Elementary	Morada Middle
Davis Elementary	
Elkhorn Elementary	**High Schools**
Ellerth E. Larson Elementary	Bear Creek High
Erma B. Reese Elementary	Liberty High
George L. Mosher Elementary	Lodi High
George Washington Elementary	Middle College High
Heritage Elementary	Plaza Robles High
Joe Serna Jr. Charter	Ronald E. McNair High
John Muir Elementary	Tokay High
Julia Morgan Elementary	
Lakewood Elementary	**Other School Sites**
Lawrence Elementary	Dorothy Mahin Early Intervention Center
Leroy Nichols Elementary	Independence School
Live Oak Elementary	Lincoln Technical Academy
Lockeford Elementary	Lodi Adult School
Lois E. Borchardt Elementary	School Readiness & Preschool
Manlio Silva Elementary	Turner Academy
Oakwood Elementary	Valley Robotics Academy
Parklane Elementary	
Podesta Ranch Elementary	**Other District Sites**
Sutherland Elementary	District Administrative Office
Victor Elementary	Maintenance, Operations & Facilities Yard
Vinewood Elementary	Transportation Yard
Wagner-Holt Elementary	Nutrition Services Central Kitchen
Westwood Elementary	
Woodbridge Elementary	

Specific projects to be funded by the bond measure include, without limitation, the following:

- Remove and/or abate hazardous materials like asbestos, lead pipes, where encountered;
- Fix and/or replace leaking or deteriorating roofs, plumbing, and windows;
- Repair and/or install exterior finishes on school facilities;
- Replace and upgrade outdated and deteriorating utility lines for gas, sewer and water service, electrical mains and distribution and other energy efficient systems, controls and infrastructure; Replace and upgrade electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems; and replace and upgrade air conditioning or other classroom cooling systems;
- Upgrade schools and buildings to improve safety, accessibility and paths of travel for Americans with Disability Act compliance and disabled student access;
- Expand and or update aging classrooms, labs and District facilities to meet current instructional standards; acquire, furnish, equip and rehabilitate existing facilities to prepare students for college, in-demand careers in healthcare, agricultural sciences, automotive tech, and skilled trades;
- Improve security at schools by providing wayfinding, signage, fire and classroom intrusion alarms, public address and emergency communication systems, video surveillance cameras and other security systems, safety locks on classroom doors, fencing and exterior lighting for student safety;
- Remove or replace aging portable buildings and classrooms with new permanent construction;
- Renovate, modernize and or/remodel restrooms, kitchen, food service, and multipurpose spaces;
- Renovate, modernize, construct and/or equip early learning, preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten classroom spaces;
- Repair or upgrade physical education facilities, athletic fields, playground equipment, play surfaces and shade structures;
- Modernize parking lots, drop-off areas, and pedestrian walkways and access to improve student safety;
- Install dual pane windows to reduce noise and reduce heating and ventilation costs;
- Upgrade/improve energy efficiency and install or replace energy conservation or generation systems (lighting, electrical, solar, geothermal) to reduce utility costs and accommodate District's increased usage of and demand for 21st century technology;
- Acquire, upgrade and repair technology and communication infrastructure, including, without limitation, cabling and wireless infrastructure, network hardware and software, servers, and other infrastructure related equipment;
- Acquire real property and construct, renovate and or/equip new schools, classroom spaces and administrative and teacher support facilities as needed; and
- Repair, rebuild, equip and furnish school sites in the event of unforeseen issues or emergencies.

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary. Bond projects are anticipated to provide benefit to all users of school facilities, sites and buildings, including charter schools that occupy school campuses, community members and other organizations.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "repair" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures. Land may be acquired for any project, and all projects may be furnished and equipped using bond proceeds to ensure the functionality and usability of facilities and sites constructed or reconstructed with bond proceeds. Bond proceeds may be used to retire any interim funding incurred to advance fund projects described on the Bond Project List.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of Lodi Unified School District ("District") on November 3, 2026 to authorize the sale of up to $195 million in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series as a "bond extension" to the prior bond authorization, with bond maturities structured so that tax rate in each year is not projected to increase as compared to the current tax rate. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be $21.13 per $100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2060-61.

2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be $30.87 per $100,000 of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2042-43.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is $387,934,767.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the San Joaquin County official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

/s/ Neil Young, Superintendent

ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS TIMELINE

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. is hereby fixed as the final date and time for the filing of arguments. Arguments for or against the measures listed are not to exceed 300 words in length. The 10-calendar day required public viewing period will be from Tuesday, July 28, through Thursday, August 6, 2026.

Friday, August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. is hereby fixed as the final date and time for the filing of rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments are not to exceed 250 words in length. The 10-calendar day required public viewing period will be from Saturday, August 8, through Monday, August 17, 2026.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that California Elections Code Section 9600 governs the form of said arguments and/or rebuttals. Arguments and/or rebuttals submitted to the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' Office must follow E.C. 9600. Authors of said arguments/rebuttals may call the Registrar of Voters' Office at (209) 468-8945 for more information on submitting an argument for or against a measure. To be eligible for printing and distribution as provided by law, such arguments and rebuttals must be received and filed at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 44 N. San Joaquin St, Suite 350, Stockton, CA 95202, no later than said date and time. All arguments and rebuttals must be submitted in block format. Limited use of bolding, underlining, capitalizing, italics, or bullets (small solid circle only) is permitted. Arguments and rebuttals that are not in compliance will be reformatted and set in uniform type.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Vote by Mail processing may begin on the 29th day before the election, which is Monday, October 5, 2026. All ballots cast in the November 3, 2026, General Election shall be tallied at the central counting place, the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters' warehouse at 7585 Longe Street, Suite 112, Stockton, California. Initial results will be available at 8:15 p.m. on election night and continue until the count is completed. Persons interested in viewing these procedures should contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at (209) 468-8945 for further information. (EC §§ 12109, 15101, 15104)

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