

PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE

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ABOUT MEASURE S



Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) classrooms and labs



Improving vocational, career technical education and college preparation classrooms and facilities



Replacing deteriorating heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems



Measure S will **extend but not increase** the current tax rate



Funds **cannot** be taken by the state and spent elsewhere

ELECTION DAY IS **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**



VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN MEASURE S?



- Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) classrooms and labs
- Improving vocational and career technical education, and college preparation classrooms and facilities
- Providing shade structures to playgrounds
- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Upgrading fire alarms and emergency communication systems
- Updating deteriorating electrical systems, wiring and panels
- Expanding learning spaces for after-school programs
- Upgrading and maintaining classroom technology
- Renovating and repairing aging classrooms and facilities
- Creating greater accessibility to classrooms, restrooms, walkways and playgrounds in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Improving student safety and school security by upgrading fire alarms and emergency communications systems
- Replacing deteriorating heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems

WHAT IS MEASURE S?

Measure S is a general obligation (GO) bond measure appearing on the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election ballot. If approved by 55% of ballots cast, it is expected to extend but not increase the district's current tax rate to authorize \$465 million of bonds to make renovations and improve schools and classrooms throughout the Palm Springs Unified School District. In addition, voter approval of Measure S may allow the district to qualify for state matching funds.

WHAT IS A GO BOND?

California school districts commonly use GO bonds to fund improvement projects, such as constructing and renovating classrooms. Similar to a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural—located within the district.

HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE S COST?

Measure S is estimated to have an average annual tax rate of less than \$40 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation is the value placed on property by Riverside County and is typically lower than market value.

WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure S ensures that there will be full public disclosure of all bond fund spending. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee will review and report on all bond fund expenditures, and a third-party auditor must audit all bond fund expenditures. Measure S includes a specific list of projects on which bond funds may be spent. Laws prohibit bond funds from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. Measure S bond funds must be spent on Palm Springs Unified School District's projects and cannot be taken by the state and spent elsewhere.

HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL?

All registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov. Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage is prepaid—by November 5, 2024. If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a voter center or ballot drop box, please visit riversideca.gov/cityclerk/elections for more information.

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