

**DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE E GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)**

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***1. WHEN WAS THE MEASURE E BOND PROGRAM ESTABLISHED?***

The Duarte Unified School District received authorization at an election held on November 2, 2010 to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$62,000,000 to finance specific construction and renovation projects approved by eligible voters within the District. The proposition required approval by at least 55 percent of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District (the 2010 Authorization).

***2. WHAT DO THE MEASURE E BONDS PAY FOR?***

The General Obligation Bond funds of the District are used to finance the design, acquisition, installation, restoration and construction of public schools and school facilities and providing facilities improvements and upgrades, and the acquisition of one or more school sites, and related facilities costs, including, but not limited to, financing the following: renovation of student restrooms, classrooms, and science labs; repair and replacement of heating, upgrading of electrical systems and wiring to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; repair and replacement of plumbing, sewer, and water pipes, fixtures and systems; replacement of emergency communications and security systems; demolition; seismic upgrades; asbestos and mold abatement; and, improved access for disabled persons. Project costs for expansion of existing facilities may include, but is not limited to, some or all of the following: site and/or other real property acquisition, including payments on or for interim financing, preparation, infrastructure, and related expenses; construction or lease of temporary or permanent classrooms, instructional support, and/or ancillary facilities. Project costs for furniture and equipment may include, but is not limited to some or all of the following: desks and tables; window and floor covering; computer, media recording and presentation equipment; cafeteria and food preparation equipment; science laboratory equipment; and/or other electronic equipment.

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**3. TO DATE HOW MUCH OF THE \$62 MILLION HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR USE?**

Of the \$62,000,000 authorized, \$28,995,204 or 46.8% has been sold (issued).

The bond issuances are as follows:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose of the Bonds</u>
7/1/11	15,995,204	Facility repair, construction, equipment
7/14/11	5,000,000	Technology Upgrades
6/11/1	<u>8,000,000</u>	Facility repair, construction, equipment

Total: 28,995,204

\$33,004,796 in bond proceeds remain to be sold (issued) or 53.2% of the total bond authority.

**4. WHAT PROJECTS HAVE BOND PROCEEDS BEEN USED FOR?**

A project list, with associated project costs, may be found on the District website by clicking the Measure E Bond link, then go to Resolutions/Bylaws/Reports.

**5. WHAT MEASURE E BOND PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROCESS?**

Currently, the remodeling of four student restrooms and two staff restrooms at Northview Intermediate School is in process. This project started in December, 2015 and will be completed by July, 2016.

**6. WHAT PROJECTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE FUTURE?**

Projects considered for the future may be found on the Facility Master Plan/Needs Assessment completed by DC Architects in July, 2010. Other potential projects include the construction of an Event Center at Duarte High School. An Event Center is a multi-purpose facility with four side seating, removable basketball goals, and audio/video system could be used for traditional sporting events, plus wrestling, boxing, performances and speaking events.

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7. ***CAN THE CURRENT GYMNASIUM AT DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL BE REMODELED OR UPGRADED?***

It could be. However, the Duarte High School gymnasium was built in 1962. Expansion would require bringing the existing structure up to current structural standards that would be cost prohibitive. In addition, the facility, due to size restrictions, does not allow the flexibility needed to have a thriving high school athletic program.

8. ***WHAT TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN PURCHASED USING TECHNOLOGY BOND FUNDS?***

Over the past five years, bond funds have been used for classroom upgrades such as Smartboards for classroom instruction, student laptops for grades 1 through 12, student iPads and other technology upgrades. Provided below is a timeline for purchases:

2011-2012	Classroom smartboards, software, computer accessories, sound system, etc. district-wide.	\$ 2,000,000
2012-2013	IPAD's Learning Lab, servers IPAD's with retina WIFI, computer accessories	111,249
2013-2014	Student Laptops 1:1 (Grades 3-8) Computer accessories, software, etc.	1,371,705
2014-2015	Student Laptops 1:1 (Grades 9-12) Computer accessories, software, etc.	722,093
2015-2016	Student Laptops 1:1 (Grades 1, 2) Computer accessories, software	339,130

9. ***ARE ANY NON-MEASURE E CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT?***

Yes. There are two projects currently planned not utilizing Measure E funds. In July, 2016 the district will begin installation of solar covered parking structures at Royal Oaks, Maxwell, Northview, and Duarte High School. This will be a solar power purchase agreement project at no cost to the district, and electrical panels, switch gear and wiring replacements at Andres Duarte Elementary. This project is paid for with grant funds received from the State.