



Modesto City Schools

Updating Aging Schools

Modesto City Schools (MCS) provides a rigorous and relevant instructional program that helps students graduate on time, college and career ready, with the knowledge, abilities and character traits needed to thrive in today's world.

Repairs and Updates in Modesto City Schools

Although we're proud of the opportunities provided to all students in MCS, many of our schools are over 50 years old and it has been nearly 20 years since the last investment in upgrades to our school facilities. Our aging education facilities need repairs and upgrades to meet modern academic and safety standards. Updates are needed to improve campus and student security, including lighting, security cameras and fencing to control access to all campuses. Classroom and facility improvements are needed to cut utility costs and ensure the continued health and safety of all students.

Our schools also need upgrades and technology improvements to meet current educational standards and provide up-to-date classrooms for core academics. Supporting 21st-century learning in Modesto schools will help prepare students to succeed in high school, college and careers.

Local Funding to Address Education Facility Needs

While upgrades are needed at all of our schools, MCS is first focused on addressing the most urgent needs at our elementary and junior high schools. In order to repair and upgrade our aging education facilities, the MCS Board of Education has voted to place Measures D and E, a \$131 million package of school improvement bond measures, on the November 2018 ballot. The annual cost of these measures would not exceed \$50 per \$100,000 in assessed value (not market value) per year. Together, these measures would:

- Repair leaking roofs
- Improve fire, emergency, lighting and security camera systems
- Equip classrooms and science labs with modern learning technology to prepare students for 21st-century jobs
- Update aging cafeterias, restrooms, plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems
- Improve accessibility for students with disabilities
- Repair and update outdated classrooms and science labs to protect the quality of academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing

Fiscal Accountability Provisions Would Be Required

- All funds from these measures would benefit local schools, be controlled locally and could not be taken away by the state
- The money is limited to facility expenses only and cannot be used for operating expenses or increasing salaries, benefits or pensions for administrators or teachers
- These measures require independent citizens' oversight and reports to the community to ensure funds are spent as promised



Aging air conditioning systems require updates ▲



Leaky roofs and walls need repairs ▲

We Value Your Input

As we continue to plan for the future of MCS schools, we want to hear from you. For more information, please contact the Public Information Office by calling (209) 574-1500.