

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FULL TEXT OF BOND PROPOSITION**

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the "Santa Maria Joint Union High School District High School Facilities Improvement Initiative" or as "Measure \_\_\_\_".  
*[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

**BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$114,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed under the heading entitled "BOND PROJECT LIST" below (the "Bond Project List"), and qualify to receive State of California matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

**ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS**

The provisions in this section are specifically 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 California Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Sections 15264 and following of the California Education Code (the "Education Code")).

**Evaluation of Needs.** The Board of Education of the District (the "Board") has prepared a master schools improvement plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District at each campus and facility, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

**Limitations on Use of Bonds.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall 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, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The Board shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board. In accordance with Section 15282 of the Education Code, the citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members and shall include a member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, a member active in a senior citizens' organization, a member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, a member that is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and a member that is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

**Annual Performance Audits.** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for performance audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

**Annual Financial Audits.** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. These audits shall be conducted in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States for financial audits. The results of these audits shall be made publicly available and shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Section 15286 of the Education Code.

**Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board.** Upon approval of this proposition 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 of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2018, stating (a) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (b) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

## **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**Joint-Use Projects.** The District may enter into agreements with other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board shall determine.

**Single Purpose.** All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, 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, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53410.

**Bonds may be Issued in Excess of Statutory Bonding Limit.** Issuance of all of the authorized bonds might require the outstanding debt of the District to exceed its statutory bonding limit of 1.25% of the total assessed valuation of taxable property in the District. In that event, the District intends to seek a waiver of its bonding limit from the State Board of Education, which has the power to waive certain requirements of the Education Code applicable to the District. By approval of this proposition, the voters have authorized the District to seek such a waiver, and to issue authorized bonds in excess of the 1.25% limit as the State Board of Education may approve. No such waiver has yet been sought or granted.

**Other Terms of the Bonds.** When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest shall be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than the statutory maximum number of years from the date borne by that bond.

## **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List below lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of the bond proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition. Listed projects will be completed as needed at a particular school or facility site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. Any authorized repairs shall be capital expenditures. The project list does not authorize non-capital expenditures. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, construction-related costs, such as project and construction management, architectural, engineering, inspection and similar planning and testing costs, demolition and interim housing costs, legal, accounting and similar fees, costs related to the independent annual financial and performance audits, a contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs, and

other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects (whether the related work is performed by the District or third parties). The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State of California grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore, the Board cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Alternatively, if the District obtains unexpected funds from non-bond sources with respect to listed projects, such projects may be enhanced, supplemented or expanded to the extent of such funds. Some projects may be subject to further government approvals, including by State officials and boards and/or local environmental or agency approval. Inclusion of a project on the Bond Project List is not a guarantee that the project will be completed (regardless of whether bond funds are available).

The specific projects authorized to be financed with proceeds of the bonds under this proposition are as follows:

<b>DISTRICT WIDE PROJECTS</b>
<p><b>The following projects are authorized to be financed District wide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire, construct, and modernize classrooms and related facilities to accommodate student enrollment and implementation of the District's educational program</li> <li>• Replace portable classrooms with permanent classroom facilities</li> <li>• Modernize existing teaching facilities and classrooms to accommodate modern classroom instruction</li> <li>• Replace classrooms, reconfigure classrooms and facilities, and provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to meet current teaching standards and requirements</li> <li>• Upgrade fields, play courts, and athletic and performance spaces for school and community use</li> <li>• Update science labs, aging bathrooms, assembly spaces, emergency communication systems, and technology infrastructure</li> <li>• Retrofit classrooms with energy efficient air conditioning, heating, and safety systems to reduce overall costs and improve the classroom learning environment for students and teachers</li> <li>• Improve circulation and parking and reconfigure drop-off and pick-up areas at schools to enhance student safety and reduce neighborhood traffic delays</li> <li>• Construct, create, and expand vocational classrooms and career technical facilities, including an agricultural farm</li> <li>• Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (e.g., plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.)</li> <li>• Perform necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling</li> </ul> <p>All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the</p>

meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

**SANTA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL**

**The following projects are authorized to be financed at Santa Maria High School:**

- Replace classrooms, reconfigure existing permanent classrooms and facilities, and provide furnishings, fixtures, and equipment to meet current teaching standards and requirements
- Retrofit classrooms with energy efficient air conditioning, heating, and safety systems to improve the classroom learning environment for students and teachers
- Replace existing portable classrooms with permanent classroom facilities
- Construct new buildings to replace older portions of the campus with new classrooms, labs, and related facilities
- Construct, create, and expand vocational classrooms and career technical facilities
- Renovate and restore the Ethel Pope Auditorium
- Upgrade and modernize classrooms to accommodate modern classroom instruction and meet current teaching standards and requirements
- Construct new student services center, athletic fields and courts, and related facilities, and reconfigure main campus entry to improve vehicular and pedestrian circulation
- Upgrade classroom buildings, labs, and related facilities and provide modern furniture, fixtures, and equipment to implement the District's educational program
- Increase parking and reconfigure drop-off and pick-up areas to enhance student safety and improve neighborhood circulation
- Upgrade and integrate information technology infrastructure for new and modernized facilities and expand the use of digital technologies in the classroom

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

**RIGHETTI HIGH SCHOOL**

**The following projects are authorized to be financed at Righetti High School:**

- Upgrade and modernize classrooms to accommodate modern classroom instruction and meet current teaching standards and requirements
- Modernize library and upgrade existing labs, including engineering, industrial arts, and science classrooms, to support academic pathways and implement the District's educational program
- Replace existing portable classrooms with permanent classroom facilities
- Construct practice gymnasium and performing arts facility to supply additional

indoor athletic and performance space for organized sports, theater, choir, band, and community uses

- Retrofit classrooms with energy efficient air conditioning, heating, and safety systems to improve the classroom learning environment for students and teachers
- Construct, create, and expand vocational classrooms and career technical facilities
- Upgrade classroom buildings, labs, and related facilities and provide modern furniture, fixtures, and equipment to implement the District's educational program
- Improve parking and reconfigure drop-off and pick-up areas to enhance student safety and improve neighborhood circulation
- Upgrade and integrate information technology infrastructure for new and modernized facilities and expand the use of digital technologies in the classroom

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

#### **PIONEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

- Upgrade and modernize classrooms and related facilities to accommodate modern classroom instruction and meet current teaching standards and requirements
- Construct, create, and expand vocational classrooms and career technical facilities
- Upgrade classroom buildings, labs, and related facilities and provide modern furniture, fixtures, and equipment to implement the District's educational program
- Upgrade information technology infrastructure and expand the use of digital technologies in the classroom

All or portions of these projects may be used as joint-use projects within the meaning of Section 17077.42(c) of the Education Code (or any successor provision).

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**All listed bond projects include the following as needed:**

- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed.
- Construction and/or installation of access improvements for disabled persons, as required by state and federal law.
- Associated onsite and offsite development, demolition and other improvements made necessary by listed bond projects.
- Planning, designing and providing temporary housing necessary for listed bond projects.
- Purchase of any rights-of-way and/or easements made necessary by listed bond projects.