

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) would like to thank the voters within the Sacramento City Unified School District for supporting the \$195 million Measure E in 1999 and the \$225 million Measure I in 2002. The funds generated by both of these measures have gone into school construction, modernization, portable classroom replacement, technology upgrades, and heating and air conditioning installation.

Formed in 1999 as a citizens oversight committee, the BOC is comprised of community members who care deeply about the school facilities in which our children learn and the district's fiscal responsibility to the voters. Committee members applied and were appointed by the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Area Congregations Together to serve two year staggered terms.

The BOC serves the taxpaying voters within the district to ensure that bond funds are being spent responsibly on school and classroom improvements and for no other purposes. To guarantee this, the committee works with an independent auditor and conducts research, surveys and site visits at the district and school site level. The BOC has formed subcommittees on Preventive and Deferred Maintenance, State Matching Funds, Communications, Site Visits, and Audits to gather information which is compiled into an annual report submitted to the Sacramento City Unified School District's Board of Education. The report contains summaries of achievements, planning priorities, subcommittee briefs, recommendations for improvement and success, and BOC member descriptions.

To date, the BOC has overseen and/or verified the expenditure of \$142.5 million dollars worth of Measure E and \$7.1 million dollars worth of Measure I bond funds in addition to \$50.3 million worth of state matching funds. \$158.3 million has been spent on renovation/modernization, \$35.4 million on Rosemont High School and \$6.2 million on new "small learning environment" high schools including New Technology, Genesis and America's Choice.

Under the renovation/modernization category, which includes alarms, fire systems, data cabling, electrical upgrades, air conditioning and heating systems, and Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) compliance, 28 schools have been completed, 9 schools are in the final phase, and 35 schools are in the design phase. Modernization/renovation work at the remaining 35 schools is anticipated to be completed after passage of the next state facilities bond which will go to the voters in March of 2004.

To read the Bond Oversight Committee's most recent Annual Report please access SCUSD's website at www.scusd.edu and click on the Bond Oversight Committee link. You are welcome to contact the BOC Co-Chairs with any questions or comments:

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