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Welcome to the 2018-19 school year!

I hope that everyone had a safe and memorable summer break. The strength of the ABC Unified School District is our ability to leverage individual talents of our stakeholders including our dynamic Board of Education, teachers, our support staff, amazing parents, and community members. As a result, our District has thrived throughout the past fifty-three years to become one of the top performing districts in the State.

We are fortunate to serve a number of communities that truly understand the importance of education. Our PTA members volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours each year to support our schools. Our parents and guardians support learning outside of school. We are fortunate to have incredible partners that fill critical gaps and enhance our programs, including the ABC Education Foundation and hundreds of business and community partners within our District. Certainly, not enough can be said about our incredible students who make us proud of what we do every day.

In June, our Board of Education approved the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the District that requires us to address eight State priorities. The District has established goals and actions in the LCAP for the next three years. The LCAP is available to the public on the District's new website.

On July 17, 2018, the Board of Education approved placing a \$258 million bond measure for the November 6 General Election to help improve, upgrade, and renovate all our school facilities in ABCUSD. Measure BB is the name of the local improvement bond measure. We have the Frequently Asked Questions regarding Measure BB in this District Digest.

There is still much work that remains. I value continuous improvement and welcome input from all our key stakeholders in the District and communities we serve as we move forward.

Thank you for your support throughout this new school year. For more information about ABCUSD, please check out our new website at: <https://www.abcusd.us>. I look forward to another great school year in ABCUSD! ▀



ABCUSD Honored as an Honor Roll District



ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT – MEASURE BB

What is Measure BB?

Measure BB is a \$258 million general obligation bond measure that will provide our students and community with improved and upgraded school facilities that are safe, secure, and modern.

How will Measure BB support the Facilities Master Plan (FMP)?

Measure BB will provide funding to support the five key goals identified in the FMP - the acronym is STEPS.

- **S** (Safety/Security): Improve student safety and campus security systems including establishing a single point of entry, visitor management, security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers.
- **T** (Technology): Keep instructional technology up-to-date and provide instructional network, infrastructure, and furnishings.
- **E** (Evolution): 21st Century Learning environments, computer labs, and media centers - Provide the classrooms, labs, and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, as well as Career and Technical Education classes so students are prepared for college and in-demand jobs in fields like health, sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.
- **P** (Parity): portable replacement, new facilities - Upgrade older schools so they meet the same academic and safety standards as newer schools. Make necessary repairs and upgrades to our 34 sites, including Child Development and Adult Education.
- **S** (Sustainability): solar arrays, energy management, irrigation, finish materials, and fixtures

Will Measure BB improve instruction?

Yes. ABCUSD is an award winning District with a reputation of Academic Excellence. Families move to ABC because of the outstanding reputation of our District. Our goal is to provide all students with access to the education they will need to be successful in college, jobs, and careers after they graduate from high school. Safe, modern school facilities, and education technology are essential to maintaining quality schools and giving our students a competitive edge. As school facilities are improved, teachers and students will benefit.

Where can I find a detailed list of school improvements planned for my neighborhood school?

A detailed list of improvements for each school based upon the comprehensive Facility Master Plan conducted by the Facilities Committee over an 18-month period can be found on the District's website <https://www.abcusd.us>

How much will Measure BB cost?

The projected tax rate is **\$49.50** per \$100,000 of *assessed property value* (not market value) annually. The median assessed home value in ABCUSD is \$305,000. Therefore, the project tax rate for the median home is approximately **\$151.00** per year.

How can I be assured that the Measure BB proceeds will be spent on the designated projects?

By law, Measure BB funds can only be spent to fund projects itemized in the ballot measure. Bond funds CANNOT be used for administrators' salaries or pensions. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, mandatory audits, and public reports will ensure funds are spent properly. The Oversight Committee will review all expenditures and construction projects to ensure accountability.

Who can vote on Measure BB?

All registered voters living within the ABC Unified School District boundaries will be able to vote on Measure BB as long as they are registered by October 20, 2018.

Where can I learn more information about Measure BB?

For more information, please visit the ABC USD website at <https://www.abcusd.us>



DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO ABC– PROPOSICIÓN BB

¿Cuál es la Proposición BB?

La Proposición BB es un bono de obligación general por \$258 millones que proveerá a nuestros estudiantes y a nuestra comunidad con instalaciones escolares mejoradas y actualizadas que sean seguras, modernas y que provean protección.

¿Cómo va a apoyar la Proposición BB el Plan Maestro de las Instalaciones (FMP, por sus siglas en inglés)?

La Proposición BB va a proveer fondos para apoyar las cinco metas claves identificadas en el FMP - las siglas son **STEPS (pasos)**.

- **S** (Protección/Seguridad): Mejorar la protección para los estudiantes y los sistemas de seguridad en los campos escolares incluyendo el establecimiento de un sólo punto de entrada, sistema de administración de visitantes, cercas de seguridad, cámaras de seguridad, sistemas de comunicación durante emergencias, detectores de humo, alarmas y rociadores contraincendios.
- **T** (Tecnología): Mantener la tecnología actualizada y proveer redes educativas, tanto como infraestructura e inmuebles.
- **E** (Evolución): Ambientes educativos del Siglo 21, laboratorios de computación, y centros de medios de comunicación – Proveer los salones, laboratorios, y las instalaciones necesarias para sostener instrucción de alta calidad en las clases de Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería, y Matemáticas, al igual que en las clases de Educación y Carreras Técnicas, para que así los estudiantes sean preparados para la universidad y para los puestos de trabajos de mayor demanda en campos como la salud, las ciencias, ingeniería, tecnología y oficios técnicos calificados.
- **P** (Paridad/Igualdad): reemplazar los inmuebles móviles, nuevas instalaciones - Actualizar los campos escolares más antiguos para que cumplan con los estándares académicos y de seguridad de las escuelas más nuevas. Hacer las reparaciones y actualizaciones necesarias a nuestros 34 locales, incluyendo el Centro de Desarrollo para Niños y Educación de Adultos.
- **S** (Sostenibilidad): paneles solares, manejo de la energía, irrigación, materiales de acabados y accesorios

¿Va a mejorar la instrucción con la Proposición BB?

Sí. ABCUSD es un Distrito ganador de premios con una reputación de Excelencia Académica. Las familias se mudan a ABC por la excelente reputación de nuestro Distrito. Es nuestra meta proveer a todos los estudiantes con acceso a la educación que van a necesitar para ser exitosos en las universidades, trabajos y carreras después que se gradúen de la escuela preparatoria. Las instalaciones escolares seguras y modernas, y la educación tecnológica son esenciales para mantener escuelas de calidad y para darles ventaja competitiva a nuestros estudiantes. Los maestros y los estudiantes se beneficiarán cuando las instalaciones escolares sean mejoradas.

¿Dónde puedo encontrar una lista detallada de las mejoras escolares planeadas para la escuela de mi vecindario?

Una lista detallada de mejoras para cada escuela basada en el Plan Maestro para las Instalaciones conducido por el Comité de Instalaciones en un lapso de 18 meses puede ser encontrado en el sitio web del Distrito <https://www.abcusd.us>

¿Cuánto costará la Proposición BB?

La tarifa de impuestos proyectada es de **\$49.50** anualmente por cada \$100,000 del **valor de la propiedad** (no el valor en el mercado). El valor promedio de las casas en ABCUSD es de \$305,000. Por lo tanto, la tarifa de impuestos de este proyecto para una casa promedio es de aproximadamente **\$151.00** por año.

¿Cómo puedo estar seguro/a de que los fondos recaudados por la Proposición BB serán usados en los proyectos designados?

Por ley, los fondos de la Proposición BB solamente pueden ser utilizados para financiar los proyectos indicados en la boleta de la proposición. Los fondos de bonos **NO PUEDEN** ser utilizados para salarios de administradores, ni para pensiones. Un Comité de Supervisión de Ciudadanos Independientes, auditorías obligatorias, y reportes públicos aseguraran que los fondos sean utilizados apropiadamente. El Comité de Supervisión revisará todos los gastos y los proyectos de construcción para garantizar el cumplimiento de responsabilidades.

¿Quién puede votar por la Proposición BB?

Todos los votantes registrados viviendo dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Unificado ABC podrán votar por la Proposición BB siempre y cuando estén registrados para el 20 de octubre del 2018.

¿Dónde puedo encontrar más información sobre la Proposición BB?

Para más información, favor de visitar el sitio web de ABC USD en <https://www.abcusd.us>

News From Our Schools and Around The District

Back to School Night at Nixon Academy, August 29, 2018



Visit our website for ABCUSD schools' addresses, contact info, enrollment boundaries and more!

www.abcusd.k12.ca.us

Fedde MS

Fedde MS staff welcomed students back to a new school year with messages of inspiration. ▶



News From Our Schools and Around The District

ABC Transportation Department

Our ABC Transportation Department got off to a great start to the school year by making sure our students were promptly delivered to school! ▶



New Teacher Orientation

The New Teacher Orientation was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018. The New Teacher Orientation provided new teachers with an overview of support from Academic Services, Information Technology, Teacher Leaders, and ABCFT. Information around professional conduct, employee safety, and fiscal services were provided as well. In the afternoon, our new Special Education teachers were given additional training on our student information system for producing the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students and families. ▶



New Teachers Orientation held on August 16, 2018

Gahr HS's School Resource Deputy

Based upon input from the community and staff, during the LCAP process, it became clear that ABCUSD needed to partner with Cerritos Sheriff's Department to provide an officer for the Cerritos secondary schools. It is a pleasure to announce that a School Resource Deputy, Sean Craig, is housed at Gahr High School and began the first day of the new school year for students. Deputy Craig has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from San Jose State and has worked for 17 years with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Deputy Craig proudly follows in her father's footsteps as a law enforcement officer. Additionally, she truly understands the education system because her mother was a teacher for many years. Deputy Craig is a proud mother of 2 boys and enjoys running, swimming, and going to the movies with them. Welcome to ABCUSD, Deputy Sean Craig! ▶



Christina Moreau, AVID Coordinator; Dr. Josie Summers, Asst. Principal; School Resource Deputy Sean Craig; and Adam Wright, Asst. Principal

Voting Pre-Registration

Secondary schools are committed to helping students be college and career ready, as well as productive citizens in our society. The right to vote is one of the most important rights in American citizenry. To encourage voting, during the week of September 24th through September 27th, all eligible 16 and 17-year-old students will participate in an online pre-registration. The students will be taught the online pre-registration process during their US History, Economics, or Civics classes. All students will go through the pre-registration exercise, but the students who are uncomfortable with pre-registering, will go through the process without pressing submit. The students who submit their information through the online process, are eligible, and 16 or 17 year-olds, will automatically be registered to vote on their 18th birthday. ▶



ABC Adult School offers great classes!
Check out the Summer Catalog at www.abcadultschool.edu

Artesia High School's Principal Honored



Honoring Sergio Garcia, Principal of Artesia HS, at the Board Meeting by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon's Office, Aug. 21, 2018

News From Our Schools and Around The District

Teaching and Learning Institute

Academic Services provided a Teaching and Learning Institute with professional learning opportunities for all teachers in the District. On Wednesday, August 22 over 350 secondary educators attended the “Making Connections” Institute held at Gahr HS. In the afternoon, over 435 elementary educators attended the “Making Connections” Institute held at Artesia HS. Dr. Sieu welcomed all the attendees and wished them the best in the new school year. The keynote speaker was Dr. Flojaune Cofer, Director of State Policy & Research. Her presentation focused on strategies that educators can use in working with students who come to school with trauma in their lives. It was a very productive day for all those who attended the professional learning day at Gahr HS and Artesia HS. ▶



Teaching and Learning Institute at Artesia HS and Gahr HS

Community Involvement

The Cerritos Complete Promise Program

The Cerritos Complete Promise Program at Cerritos College offers one year of free tuition, priority enrollment, and student support services for all graduating students from ABCUSD schools. Students that participate in Cerritos Complete are better prepared, complete more units, and persist in college at far greater rates than first time freshman that don't participate. Cerritos College provides opportunities for all students no matter their post-secondary goals. Whether students want to complete a certificate program, associate's degree, or transfer to an elite university, they have the opportunity to reach their goals at Cerritos College free of their first year enrollment fees through Cerritos Complete. Over 700+ ABCUSD students have participated in the Cerritos Complete Program over the last three years. Learn more about the benefits, requirements, and upcoming deadlines at <http://www.cerritos.edu/cerritoscomplete/> ▶



*(left to right) Julianne Porciuncula – Whitney HS Student;
Kurt Panganiban - Whitney HS Student;
Enrique De Avila - John Glenn HS Student;
and Jacqueline Yu – Whitney HS Student*

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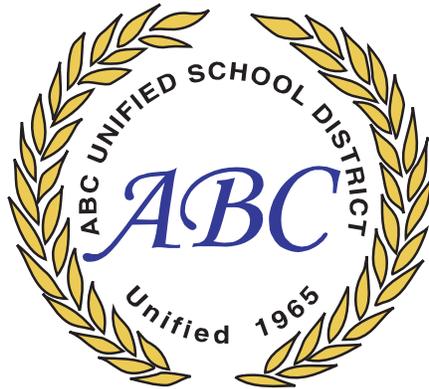
ABC Education Foundation 7th Annual Backpack Drive

The ABC Education Foundation held their 7th Annual Backpack Drive at the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors in Cerritos. The community volunteers stuffed over 500 backpacks and delivered them to elementary and secondary schools before the first day of school on Monday, August 27. Special thanks go to all the volunteers especially Cindy Yen Chen, the ABC Education Foundation Board, Mark Ruiz and the Century 21 Astros, and the Artesia-Cerritos Soroptimist Club Members. Tina Porter, District Social Worker, coordinated with all the schools to determine the number of backpacks they needed for this year. ▶



Back-to-School Giveaway sponsored by Supervisor Janice Hahn and organized by Dandy DePaula and Friends





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