

**Las Lomas Elementary School District
Citizen Bond Oversight Committee**

**Report to the Community
2019-20 Fiscal Year**

Measure S

Measure S was approved by voters on November 5, 2013 to authorize \$60 million in bonds to support the following ballot language: to “repair and improve aging schools to protect quality academic instruction with funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento, shall Las Lomas Elementary School District build classrooms for increased student enrollment, update/replace aging classrooms to meet current health/safety codes, renovate heating/electrical systems to save money, support 21st century instructional technology, acquire, repair, construct sites, facilities, equipment by issuing \$60,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with citizens’ oversight, no money for administrators, and all funds staying local?”

Under the 2013 authorization, \$30 million of Series A bonds were issued on March 24, 2015 and were rated Aa1 by Moody’s Investor Services and AAA by Standard & Poor’s. The Series A Bonds were issued to “finance the repair, upgrading, acquisition, construction and equipping of District sites and facilities”. An additional \$30 million of Series B bonds were issued on October 3, 2017 and were rated also rated Aa1 and AAA. Measure S funds are completely expended.

Measure R

The district also passed Measure R on June 5, 2018. Measure R authorizes an additional \$70 million in bonds to support the following bond language: to “repair/improve aging schools to protect quality academic instruction in math, science/reading with funding that cannot be taken by the State, upgrade leaking roofs, outdated fire alarms, electrical/heating, classrooms/facilities, meet health, safety/seismic codes, acquire, repair, construct, equipment, sites/facilities.” \$30 Million of Series A bonds were issued in October 2018 and maintained the same excellent ratings. \$40 million in authorization remains.

Bond Oversight Committee Activities

One of the legal requirements of both bond measures was the establishment of a citizens’ oversight committee comprised of at least seven members representing the business community, a senior citizens’ organization, a taxpayers’ association, parent-teacher organizations, and parents of children enrolled in district schools. The members of the Committee are listed at the end of this report.

At the August 30, 2018 governing board meeting, Resolution #1819-02:08-30 was passed expanding the responsibilities of the Measure S Committee to include the review of expenditures of both Measure S and Measure R bond proceeds, and to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws which set forth the expanded powers and responsibilities of the original Measure S Committee.

The Committee’s responsibilities are to inform the public concerning the expenditures of bond revenues and to advise the public as to whether the school district has: (1) spent bond proceeds only for construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of district facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property, and (2) no bond funds are expended for teacher or administration salaries or other operating expenses. The Committee is required to issue to the LLESD Governing Board an annual report of the results of its activities. The Committee had its initial meeting on September 8, 2014. Since its formation, the Committee has met quarterly to review the progress and expenditures of the building program.

Status of Bond Projects

During the fiscal year, the District constructed buildings at both La Entrada and Las Lomas campuses. The La Entrada campus completed construction on the La Entrada two-story, 21 classroom building and occupied it in August 2018.

At Las Lomas, the new kindergarten and two-story classroom building began in the summer of 2017 and included installation of campus utilities, relocation of Champions Day Care, and demolition of existing portables and classroom buildings. After the temporary facilities were completed and the site was demolished, the Kindergarten classrooms and two-story classroom building construction began. The Kindergarten classrooms were ready for the start of the 2018/19 school year. The two-story classroom building was completed and occupied in Spring 2019.

The first Measure R project began in June 2018 with the Las Lomas parking lot traffic safety improvements and the new administration and flex classroom buildings. Half of the parking lot improvements were completed before the start of the 2018/19 school year and the entire project was completed and occupied in late 2019.

The district is currently working on the next phase of Measure R projects. These projects will begin in Summer 2021 and are in design and development currently.

Summary of Bond Fund Expenditures

The 2019-2020 Fiscal Year runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. During the fiscal year, \$8,006,463 was spent on bond projects. All Measure S funds were exhausted in 2018-19. The table below shows the major categories of spending during the fiscal year. Audited financials will be available on the District’s web site (www.llesd.org) under the “Departments > Finance and Business” tab in January 2021.

Bond Measures Financial Statement: 2019-2020 Fiscal Year	
Beginning Fund Balance as of 7/1/2019:	\$22,984,402
<u>Income:</u>	
Interest Income	373,389
Other Income	9,793
Total Funds Available:	\$23,367,584
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<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Architect, Engineering and Design Fees:	\$903,199
Main Construction:	6,388,231
Engineering / Consultants:	282,122
All Other Expenditures:	432,911
Total Expenditures:	\$8,006,463
Building Fund (ending balance 6/30/2020):	\$15,361,121

Committee Meetings and Additional Information

The Bond Oversight Committee invites community members to attend its meetings. All meetings are open to the public and comply with Brown Act meeting requirements. Meeting dates/times, Agendas, Minutes, Expenditure Reports, and Bond Audit Reports as well as a copy of this report are available to the public at the District Office and are posted on the District’s web site: www.llesd.org under the “Departments> Facility Development” tab.

Committee Members:

Name	Representing
Richard Ginn	Business Representative
Kristin Smith	Senior Citizen Group Representative
Matthew Tinsley	Taxpayer Organization Member
Adrienne Wonnacott	Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District and Active in a Parent-Teacher Organization
Eric Ver Ploeg	Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District
John McDonald	At-Large Community Member
Vacant	At-Large Community Member

