

# Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Measure J Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

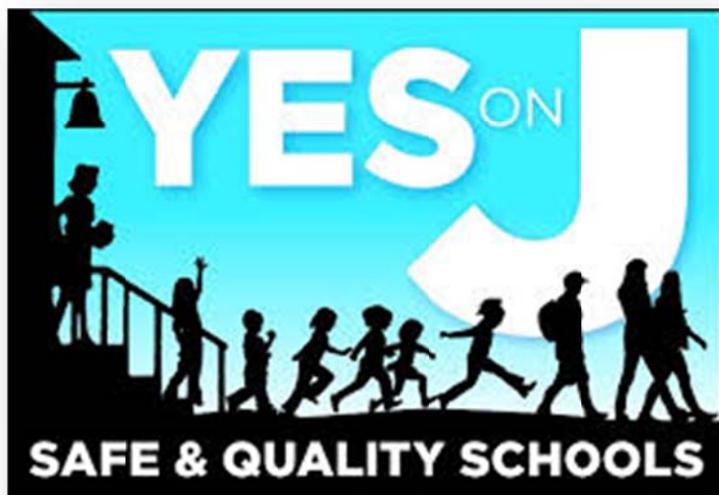
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2017

April 11, 2018

## Introduction – Measure J, \$245 million for Livermore Schools

On June 7, 2016, two-thirds of Livermore voters passed the Measure J Bond, which provides \$245 million in funding for Livermore classrooms and school construction, renovation, upgrade/modernization and repair. From addressing aging infrastructure to building state-of-the art science labs and providing cutting-edge technology hardware, Measure J is meant to solidify Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) schools' place in the 21st century.

Under Proposition 39, a school district's Board is required to establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee when a bond measure is passed. The purpose of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) is to inform and alert the public regarding the expenditures and uses of Measure J bond money. The Measure J CBOC is comprised of volunteer members who represent a cross-section of this community in every aspect: parents of LVJUSD students, business leaders, seniors, a taxpayer organization, etc. The Committee's legal charge is to actively review and report on the expenditures of taxpayers' money for school construction. We are committed to ensuring the public that Measure J Bond funds – *our money* – is spent properly.



Based on our review and observations, the Measure J CBOC finds that the LVJUSD is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, and that funds are being used for the purposes specified in the ballot language. The Measure J CBOC relied on the annual performance and financial audits conducted by Nigro & Nigro, PC, a professional accountancy corporation, which disclosed no instances of non-compliance with the terms of Proposition 39 or Measure J.

The Measure J CBOC meets every other month to monitor the progress of Measure J projects. Measure J CBOC meetings are open to the public, and we encourage community members to attend. Our meeting schedule, along with other pertinent information about Measure J bond projects and the CBOC, can be found on the LVJUSD website at: <https://www.livermoreschools.com/measurej>

## Measure J Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 2016-2018

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## Measure J – Purpose & Scope

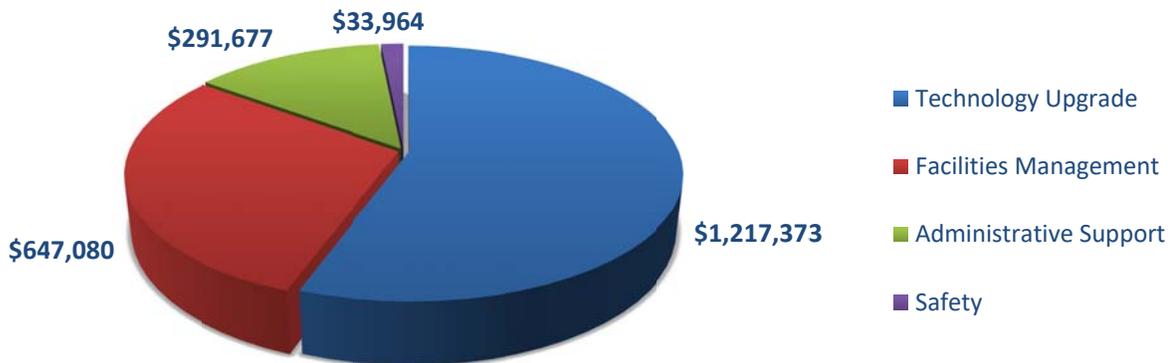
The purpose of the Measure J Bond is to: renovate aging LVJUSD classrooms and school facilities; improve fire safety and security systems; repair deteriorating roofs, restrooms, and plumbing and electrical systems; modernize outdated classrooms; build science labs and instructional technology; upgrade, acquire, construct, and properly equip classrooms/facilities; and qualify for State matching funds. It is important to highlight that the majority of expenditures are for multi-year projects. This report covers Fiscal Year 2017, which runs from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

Measure J Bond funds are set aside strictly for physical improvements. While Measure J funds can only be used for the improvement of facilities as listed in the ballot language, it is important to understand how facilities impact both teaching and learning. By tackling critical needs (such as antiquated heating and ventilation systems, as well as leaky roofs, at some of our schools), our students' learning environments are greatly improved, increasing the performance of both teachers and students. Bond funds are separate from the "general fund budget" that pays for teachers, teaching supplies, administrators, aides, custodial services, and routine maintenance. Therefore, construction funding using Measure J funds will not and does not take away from funds used for instruction.

## Measure J Bond – Expenditures July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (FY2017): \$3,524,296

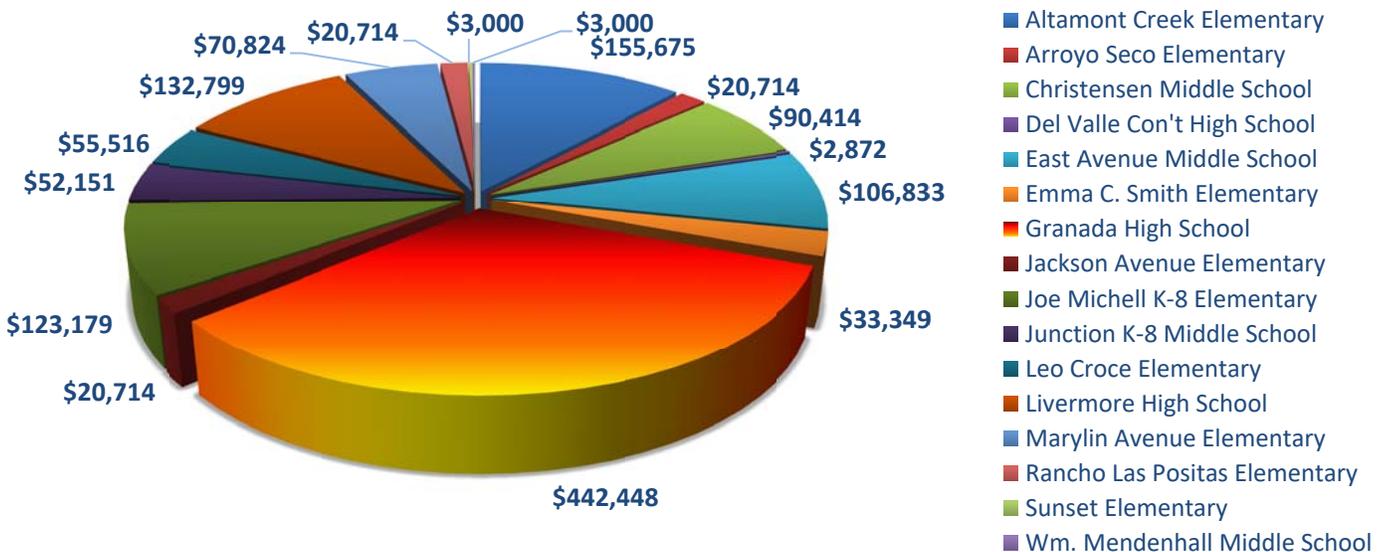
### Districtwide Projects, FY2017

Total Funds Used: \$2,190,094



### Campus Projects, FY2017

Total Funds Used: \$1,334,202



# Featured Measure J Bond Projects, FY2017

## Districtwide Projects & Program Management

**Administrative Support:** accounts for salaries and benefits for all Measure J Bond employees that were necessary to the initiation of Measure J Bond from ballot planning and initiation, to district-wide master planning to projects launching.

**Facilities Management:** accounts for various important costs related to logistics and setup and staff readiness. Expenditures include large one-time expenses, such as \$216,000 to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, which was required to place the Measure J Bond on the June 2016 ballot, along with associated printing costs.

**Technology Upgrade:** includes technology upgrade costs throughout all school sites, which ensures classrooms are truly 21st century-class. This is a multi-year project that includes the purchase of routers, servers, and other classroom technology, as well as installation of high-speed data network wiring at all school sites.

**Safety:** accounts for installation of knox boxes (security devices to permit fire and police personnel entry access in times of emergency) and painting of building numbers on the tops of buildings for aerial identification by first responders.

## Campus Projects

**Hydration Stations:** These stations include both drinking fountains and a place to fill individual water bottles. The use of water bottles at school serves to help keep our students hydrated, and is a health and safety improvement for the campus.

**Digitation Marquees:** These marquee signs provide an area for school and District level communications to the campus and neighborhood community. These messages can include school and community safety messages, key dates, program announcements, and celebrations of student achievement.

(✓ = completed)	Hydration Stations	Digital Marquees
Altamont Creek Elementary	✓	✓
Arroyo Seco Elementary		✓
Christensen Middle School	✓	
Del Valle Continuation High School	✓	
East Avenue Middle School	✓	
Emma C. Smith Elementary	✓	✓
Granada High School	✓	
Jackson Avenue Elementary		✓
Joe Michell K-8	✓	✓
Junction K-8	✓	
Leo Croce Elementary	✓	✓
Livermore High School	✓	✓
Marylin Avenue Elementary		✓
Rancho Las Positas Elementary		✓
Sunset Elementary	✓	
William Mendenhall Middle School	✓	



### Altamont Creek Elementary

*Projects Costs: \$155,675*

In addition to the installation of a hydration station and digital marquee, the majority of bond expenditures were used for the exterior painting of the entire school.



### Christensen Middle School

*Projects Cost: \$90,414*

While several projects have been completed at Christensen, the most noticeable is the conversion/reclamation of a large earthen area that was left vacant after the recent removal of three old portables buildings. Through Measure J, the area was paved and two asphalt basketball courts constructed, greatly increasing play and exercise opportunities. In addition, roof deficiencies around campus were corrected to support positive drainage, and underground drainage pipes were cleaned and repaired to extend their useful life and the reliability of the infrastructure.

## **East Avenue Middle School**

*Project Cost: \$106,833*

Early bond project included new tables for the multi-purpose room, and the installation of a hydration station.



## **Junction K-8 Middle School**

*Projects Cost: \$52,151*

Bond money was used for roofing repairs, as well as repairs and upgrades to the plumbing system.

## **Joe Michell School**

*Projects Cost: \$123,179*

The scope of the Measure J Bond project for Joe Michell includes a new classroom building, a gymnasium, and the associated reconfiguration of the school site. As this is a major element within the Bond project, the CBOC was interested in the integration of academic and operational requirements into the design.



Early stages of the project at Joe Michell School included detailed discussions with the faculty, staff, and administration. The Joe Michell International Baccalaureate (IB) academic program has specific requirements for classroom design, configuration, and operation. These early and ongoing planning activities are fundamentally important to achieve the IB goal.

### **Leo Croce Elementary**

*Projects Cost: \$55,516*

The project includes the planning, repair, and improvement of school site plumbing. It also includes planning for the new marquee. The original play structure “Early Bond Project” was delayed and rolled into a district wide initiative to be executed in early 2018.



### **Livermore High School**

*Projects Cost: \$132,799*

Most of Measure J Bond project funds at Livermore High School were associated with the Athletic/Aquatic Complex and the Track and Stadium. Accordingly, the CBOC was particularly interested in the early stages of the project, especially as they relate to the development of design requirements. During this reporting period, members of the CBOC reviewed and observed the design charrette for these elements of the LHS project. The activity included architect firms, Measure J project personnel and, most importantly, LHS staff and administrators, members of the School Board, and the public. The charrette was effective and provided important requirements for the layout, configuration and integration of the facilities into the campus of Livermore High School.



### **Granada High School**

*Project Costs: \$442,448*

Over \$440,000 was spent to plan and construct projects at GHS. The majority of the funds allocated were dedicated to re-surfacing of the track. The balance of expenditures were for improvements to essential (primarily underground) plumbing repairs and replacements, in addition to the improvements and purchasing of equipment for kitchens, the weight room, and stadium seating.