



**BIGGS UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind

Measure 'W' and how its passage will affect the District and our community

What is Measure 'W'?

Measure 'W' is a \$9.5 million general obligation (G.O.) bond program. This measure is primarily intended to address the needs of the growing student population.

Why is the District placing Measure 'W' on the ballot?

With the growth of our community and the deterioration of the District's facilities, the educational opportunities for our students are being drastically limited. Approving Measure 'W' would allow the District to improve the quality of the school facilities and education provided to local children.

Why can't the District meet its facilities' needs with its current budget?

Today, the scope of improvements needed at the Biggs Unified School District are far more than the current funding sources available. The per-pupil funding, which the District receives from the state, is intended to be used for the day-to-day business of educating children and not the cost of renovating, repairing, or constructing new facilities for the District.

How did the District come up with the project list for Measure 'W'?

Over the last several months, with input from staff, teachers, parents, and an architect, the District has prepared a Needs List for the bond measure.

Specific types of projects identified include:

- Repair or replace aging roofs
- Construct a new gymnasium at Biggs Elementary School
- Upgrade classroom technology
- Make health, safety and security improvements
- Modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities

The State Allocation Board has already provided plan design money, and the Department of State Architecture has already approved the building plans, including all specifications for each site.

What will Measure 'W' cost?

The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$47.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year. (Please do not confuse assessed valuation with market value. Assessed valuations are the value placed on property by the County and are lower than market values). Check your property tax statement for your current assessed valuation. For example, if your house is assessed at \$100,000, your tax bill for the year would be \$47.00, or approximately **\$3.92 per month**.