



UPDATING AGING CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS

Belmont-Redwood Shores School District (BRSSD) provides local elementary and middle school students with a world-class education thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff. Our commitment to our community ensures students are prepared for high school, college and career. Parents and community members alike tell us that BRSSD schools help to improve the quality of life in our communities and protect the value of our homes.

Exploring Local Funding Options that Can't Be Taken by the State

Upgrades and repairs have been made to our schools in recent years, however needed improvements and updates remain. Additional funding is needed to fix old leaking roofs, repair plumbing and sewage systems, update classroom technology, and complete safety upgrades across all school sites.

The State provides limited funding for school facilities, and the funding that is available requires local matching funds like a school facilities bond. A potential bond measure would protect our tradition of academic excellence and ensure students continue receiving the high-quality education they deserve. A potential measure will help ensure that facilities support core academic programs in science, technology, reading, writing, art, music, and math.

Local Funding to Repair & Upgrade Our Schools

In order to complete identified repairs and improvements across all our elementary and middle schools, the BRSSD Board of Trustees is considering placing a \$171 million bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. This measure would cost \$29 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed (not market) value per year, while bonds are outstanding.

If approved by local voters, funding from this measure could be used to:



Replace aging technology infrastructure for 21st-century learning, including for science, engineering, and math classrooms and labs



Upgrade, replace, or repair old roofs, heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical systems



Provide updated equipment for classrooms



Update safety and security systems at school sites

Mandatory Fiscal Accountability & Local Control

By law, a potential bond measure would require the same strict accountability protections as past measures, including:

- ✓ All funds would be controlled locally for our elementary and middle schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- ✓ An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as promised
- ✓ A detailed project list outlining the specific use of funds would be required



Learn More! BRSSD has a track record of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. Planning for the future of our local schools is a communitywide endeavor. To learn more, please visit BRSSD.org/PotentialBond. If you have questions or input that you would like to share, please don't hesitate to email info@brsd.org.

