

**Rancho Cordova Schools Facilities Bond**  
**Measure N**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

A general obligation bond measure to provide funding for much needed facility improvements for schools in Rancho Cordova will appear on the regularly scheduled November 7, 2006 ballot.

**How much will the facilities bond raise for schools in Rancho Cordova?**

The bond will raise \$125 million.

**Why is a bond important to the Rancho Cordova community?**

Existing Rancho Cordova schools will need improvements to keep up with new schools. The improvements will help join existing or “riverside” Rancho Cordova with new areas in Rancho Cordova, raise the value of housing, and attract families to the residential areas.

**What will Measure N fund?**

Measure N will fund improvements at every existing Rancho Cordova school.

- Educational improvements, such as computer technology improvements, upgrade science labs, replacement of old portables and library improvements.
- Safety and security improvements, such as install exterior lighting, fencing, security equipment, and new windows.
- Improved communications, such as parent notification system, digital signs and sound systems in multipurpose rooms.
- Landscape and learning environment enhancements, such as turf renovation, permanent storage buildings, and asphalt repairs.

- Student health and recreation, such as playground and PE equipment, and upgrade after school youth and the high school career centers.
- Furniture and equipment.

**How much of the funds will stay in Rancho Cordova?**

All of it.

**How will priorities be determined?**

Community forums will be held. Staff and parents will provide input. Recommendations will be given to the Board of Education.

**What is this going to cost me?**

For the average homeowner, the cost will amount to approximately \$6.00 per month or about \$72.00 a year. (Based on \$123,000, the average assessed value in Rancho Cordova.)

**How do I know that the funds will be managed wisely?**

Law requires that a Citizens Oversight Committee be established to assure that bond funds are used as outlined in the ballot. The committee will be composed of parents, seniors, business and civic leaders. The committee will review an annual audit performed by an outside firm, as well as report its findings to the community.

**How much will go toward administrators' or teachers' salaries?**

None. Bond funds may only be used for classrooms and facilities.

**How will city officials be involved in oversight of the bond?**

The City building inspector will review what is done and how it is done.

**How were previous bond funds spent?**

- The projects included upgrading classrooms by adding air conditioning, new flooring, exterior paint, new tackable wall surfaces, interior paint, new doors, cabinets, replaced fire alarms and intercom systems, and repaired roofing at Cordova Lane, White Rock, Cordova Meadows, Cordova Villa, Riverview, Williamson, Mills, Cordova High, the Community Education Center, and the Mather Youth campus.
- Mills also received kitchen renovations and a new bus drop-off zone. Mitchell received a new bus loop and parking lot improvements. Kinney High and the Community Education Center received parking lot improvements. Cordova High School also received a new attendance & counseling center, parking lot with student drop-off area, stadium concession stand, and the gymnasium and the stadium were renovated.
- Navigator Elementary, located in the new Stone Creek subdivision and the first new school in Rancho Cordova in 40 years, was built.
- Technology upgrades have been completed at every school in Rancho Cordova, including new computers, LCD projectors, and server upgrades.

- Upcoming renovations are scheduled to be completed at Peter J. Shields, Rancho Cordova, Cordova Gardens, and Mitchell.

**The Cordova High School science wing was remodeled with Measure B. Why are we considering a new science wing now?**

The wing is undersized, is not set up for computers, and the curriculum is requiring more complex experiments.

**What is a general obligation bond?**

A general obligation bond is similar to a home loan. Just as people borrow money to purchase or remodel a home and then repay the loan in the form of a mortgage or home equity loan, a bond generates money for a community via investors who are then paid back with interest. Under the terms of a bond, Rancho Cordova residents pay a few dollars a month for 25 years through assessed (not market) value of property.

**How can I get more information?**

See the district's website [www.fcusd.org](http://www.fcusd.org)  
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