



Bond Measure T
Eureka City Schools High School Emergency
Repair/Student Safety Measure
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Bond Measure T?

A: Bond Measure T is an Emergency High School Repair/Student Safety Measure placed on the March ballot to address significant health and safety hazards at Eureka High School. Following assessments by independent structural engineers that these conditions had potentially fatal implications, the Board of Education moved swiftly to place this emergency funding measure on the ballot.

Q: What is the situation?

A: Portions of the Eureka High School campus became compromised as the result of a critical failure of a storm drain system. Dangerous sinkholes have already developed, resulting in the District's closure and condemnation of the Welding Shop to protect students. Additional sinkholes can develop with no warning, which would create an imminent health and safety risk to students, teachers, staff and visitors to our school site.

Q: How does Measure T address these urgent needs?

A: If enacted, Measure T will bring Eureka High School Stadium up to current health, safety earthquake and disability access standards by:

- ✓ Repairing sections of Eureka High School which present life/hazard and imminent health and safety risks to teachers, students and staff, families and members of the public.
- ✓ Repairing and upgrading the failed storm drainage system and deteriorating pipes.
- ✓ Filling sinkholes and preventing future sinkholes from developing.
- ✓ Installing new lighting for student safety.
- ✓ Improving access to school facilities for students with disabilities.
- ✓ Restoring and upgrading career technical training facilities.
- ✓ Improving facilities to meet current seismic safety standards.

Upgrading the stadium will not only address immediate health and safety issues but will also enable it to be used in the long-run as an emergency evacuation site in unpredictable or catastrophic emergencies, such as wildfires and PG&E power outages.

Q: Is Measure T fiscally accountable?

A: Yes. Measure T requires strict Fiscal Accountability protections including: Independent Citizens' Oversight and annual audits to ensure no funds go towards administrators' salaries and benefits. By law, all Measure T funds can only be used as promised to voters and cannot be taken by the State. In addition, if Measure T is enacted, the District will qualify for millions of dollars in emergency State matching funds that would otherwise go to other school districts.

Q: How much will it cost?

A: Measure T is an \$18,000,000 bond measure that will cost property owners in the District approximately \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed property value through the fiscal year 2048-49.

Q: When is the election?

A: March 3, 2020. For more election information or to register to vote visit:
<https://humboldt.gov/890/Elections-Voter-Registration>