



## La Habra City School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your student's education is our core focus. Over the last year, the District has undertaken a planning process to assess our educational and school facilities needs at each site and to provide options to modernize and improve our facilities. Many of our facilities are over 50 years old and while the District has done a good job of maintaining its schools, substantial improvements are now required.

After careful study, the Board of Trustees has placed a \$31 million bond measure for voter consideration on the November 6, 2012 ballot to fund required improvements at each school site. A local general obligation bond measure would:

- Renovate local schools with funding that cannot be taken away by the State, including classrooms, libraries and support facilities
- Create and equip middle school academy facilities focused on enhanced instruction related to Math, Science, Arts, and Humanities that will better prepare students for high school, college, and the global economy
- Provide a permanent source of funding for improved student and teacher access to computers and modern classroom technology
- Upgrade science classrooms and digital media equipment to support a more focused and collaborative learning environment and improve academic achievement
- Modernize classrooms, meet current teaching standards, and provide facilities that are competitive with neighboring districts
- Improve energy efficiency by upgrading lighting, window, utility, heating, energy management, and ventilation systems to reduce annual operating costs and put more money back in the classrooms where it belongs
- Require an independent oversight committee and annual audits to ensure money is used only for voter approved school improvements and repairs and not used for salaries, administration, and overhead

We appreciate your support of our schools and active participation in our community. We hope to keep you updated and informed on the District's planning efforts as we move forward. In the interim, we have attached a fact sheet to this letter that contains answers to many of the most frequently asked questions. If any remain, please don't hesitate to contact me at (562) 690-2300.

Sincerely,

Susan Belenardo

Superintendent