The mission of CUSD is to prepare our students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE
We believe that students cannot excel at learning unless they have clean and healthy learning environments. Many of our campuses are showing their age and quick fixes are no longer enough. Long-term improvements and critical repairs are now needed to sustain much of the aging infrastructure at our schools.

To address these current challenges and future needs, following the recommendation of the Community Committee on School Classrooms and Campus Facilities, the CUSD Board of Trustees voted to place Measure M before District voters on the November 8, 2016 election ballot.

ABOUT MEASURE M
Measure M is a School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) Bond that could provide up to $889 million in additional funding for repairs and upgrades to all of our schools.

CUSD'S campuses need critical repairs including:

- Replacing leaking roofs
- Repairing plumbing and bathrooms
- Upgrading security and fire safety
- Removing asbestos
- Improving access for disabled students

CUSD FAST FACTS
- More than 50,000 students receive their education through CUSD.
- CUSD operates 62 schools within a 200 square mile radius with more than four million square feet of building space.
- Our 97.2% graduation rate is the highest in the state.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
- 70% of schools built 20 years ago
- 30% of schools built 40 years ago
- Oldest school was built in 1929
Measure M

HOW MEASURE M FUNDS WOULD BE USED

Fund Necessary Repairs and Upgrades
Removing asbestos, fire safety upgrades, replacing leaky roofs, and ensuring drinking water safety for our students and faculty well into the future.

Upgrade Classroom Technology
Investments in our computer systems, science labs, maker spaces and vocational training rooms will enable our students to compete in a 21st century economy.

Ensure Student Safety
Funds will allow our schools to make security upgrades that will help to keep our children safe.

Remain Competitive
Greater facility improvements will allow us to continue attracting and retaining award-winning teachers and staff who strive to enrich the lives of our students.

Include Strong Accountability and Transparency
Measure M must include an annual independent financial and performance audit, as well as an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee to review and report how funds are being used.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

If approved by voters, Measure M would be paid by property taxes estimated to not exceed $43 per $100,000 per year of assessed valuation (not market value) for the life of the bond (up to 35 years).

We believe that improving neighborhood schools will ultimately increase local property values and add to the real estate market value of homes in our community.

All District schools will receive funding for repairs and upgrades and the schools with the greatest need will be addressed first. Our School Facility and Finance Advisory Committee, with representation from all areas of the District, will assist the Board of Trustees in making these important decisions.

WHY NOW?

Our classrooms and facilities are in need of investments now to ensure we continue to provide our students with a high-caliber education that prepares them to compete in a 21st century economy.

For more information about Measure M, our commitment to excellence, how we will meet the challenges of tomorrow, and what you can do to contribute to the continued success of our students, please contact our Chief Communications Officer, Ryan Burris at (949) 234-9427 or visit www.capousd.ca.schoolloop.com.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

CUSD will be eligible for more than $229 million in state matching funds through the California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative.

Having access to these additional funds would require a 40-50% match from the District through Measure M.

Our statewide bond dollars would go to other districts if CUSD does not have the funds to match the state.