

## APPENDIX A

### FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

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### TRINIDAD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_ FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

#### BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Trinidad Union School District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal of up to \$4,000,000 at interest rates not to exceed legal limits to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed under the heading "Bond Project List" below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

**Evaluation of Needs.** The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** Following approval of this measure, the School Board will establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the specific types of school facilities projects listed below. The Oversight Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

**Performance Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

**Government Code Accountability Requirements.** As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Humboldt County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the District Board not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

### **NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES OR OPERATING EXPENSES**

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

### **STATE MATCHING FUNDS**

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's projects described below may assume the receipt of additional funding in the form of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT**

Voters are informed that all estimates or projections in this bond measure and related ballot materials, including relating to estimated rates of *ad valorem* property taxes, the duration of issued bonds and related levies and collections of *ad valorem* property taxes are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and projections made in good faith, and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or the duration of the levy supporting repayment of issued bonds. Estimates and projections depend on numerous variables and assumptions which are subject to variation

and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and projections are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters on the ballot label which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and broader and more complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, modernization, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, or otherwise improve school facilities of the Trinidad Union School District, including furnishing and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3).

This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all current and future District sites, properties and facilities.

**Specific School Facility Project List.** The items presented on the following list identify the specific school facility projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Authorized projects are:

- Repair or replace outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems.
- Upgrade/modernize restrooms including for accessibility.
- Modernize/construct/renovate/expand outdated classrooms and other school and support facilities including flooring, windows, doors, lighting, carpets, desks, chairs, lighting, cabinetry.
- Make health, safety and security improvements to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and to ensure the safety and security of District students, staff and facilities, point of entry control systems, fencing, fire alarm compliance, communication and bell systems upgrades, cameras and other surveillance, and hazardous material abatement.
- Install/construct, improve and/or upgrade facilities for physical education (P.E.), sports and recreation including play spaces, play equipment, tracks, fields, gym and all related facilities and amenities including resurfacing, irrigation systems, seating and lighting, for both school and community use.

- Improve student access to computers and modern technology by acquiring, installing and providing modern technology equipment, including computers and devices, classroom monitors and projectors, and other modern teaching and learning equipment, and providing all necessary infrastructure such as upgrading/replacing electrical systems, hardware and software.
- Provide sufficient parking areas including installing/constructing new parking areas and/or expanding and repaving existing areas and providing lighting and signage.
- Repair or replace leaky and/or deteriorating roofs.
- Construct or upgrade exterior areas for educational and gathering purposes.
- Improvements to facilities grounds and exteriors including providing appropriate pathways, hallways, drop off areas, lighting and landscaping including irrigation, grading and resurfacing, and signage.
- Make all necessary Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including ensuring site access and paths of travel, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and other improvements necessary to ensure adequate accommodations are provided and all legal requirements are met.
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand infrastructure serving District facilities such as deteriorating plumbing/sewer systems and other utility systems (electric, gas) and storm drainage/gutter systems, including solar and generators.
- Make energy efficiency improvements, including lighting and lighting control systems, replacing or upgrading doors, windows, insulation and flooring.

The order in which the foregoing projects are listed does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District Board.

Furnishing and Equipping; Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described on the above Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments and updates to master plan documents, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal including litigation, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular and parking facilities; federal

and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; bond issuance and compliance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Alterations to Scope; New Construction; Real Property Interests. The scope, nature and priority of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the School Board. This may occur due to unforeseen conditions that may arise during the course of planning, design and construction, or due to other compelling factors which become apparent in the course of project planning and execution, such as changing cost considerations, safety considerations, programmatic considerations or other considerations that arise or become apparent over the several years of undertaking bond financed projects. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is determined by the Board to be more economical or otherwise in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of interests in real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. This measure also authorizes payment of costs related to consolidation of facilities or campuses.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. In addition, authorized projects include reimbursements for paid project costs and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes or lease financings relating to projects and/or equipment previously financed. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Other Funding Sources. The Bond Project List presents more projects than are expected can be addressed with proceeds of this bond measure. The School Board will determine project prioritization and there is no guarantee that all projects will be addressed. Additional funds for facilities projects are expected to be pursued from the State's facilities matching funds program, if and to the extent available and qualifying, to provide additional funding to complete additional facilities projects.

Unforeseen Circumstances. Many factors which the District cannot predict or control may impact its ability to address each of the projects, including but not limited to construction cost issues, supply chain issues which can cause project delays, labor shortages, and unknown environmental factors or site conditions, among others. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may limit or prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this Bond Measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Examples included on the project list are not intended to limit the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure. Words used in the Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by State law. The Bond Project List only authorizes capital expenditures.

Severability. The District Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the District Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

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The Full Text of Measure ends above the line.

**APPENDIX B**

**ABBREVIATED FORM OF BOND MEASURE**

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To improve the quality of education, modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; improve student technology access; replace outdated HVAC systems, and make safety and security improvements; shall Trinidad Union School District's measure be adopted authorizing \$4,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$265,000 annually as long as bonds are outstanding at projected rates not exceeding \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, no money for salaries and all money staying local?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds—No

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## APPENDIX C

### TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED TRINIDAD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Trinidad Union School District (the "District") on June 2, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to \$4,000,000 in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$29.75 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2059-60
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal years 2028-29 through 2058-59.
3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$12,650,000.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the Humboldt County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption such as the homeowner's exemption will have a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those performed as of a certain date in time and used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

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Superintendent

Trinidad Union School District