

Measure O: Sierra Unified School District Bond Fact Sheet

1. SUSD has a debt of \$5.2 million on the Foothill Campus that is paid out of general fund (\$1.1 million annually).
2. State has not met Prop 98 guarantees for school funding since the 2006-2007 school year. This year SUSD funding is 20% below our per student allocation, a reduction of \$2.5 million for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. By law, the proceeds of the bond can only be spent on items identified and listed on the ballot. In the case of Sierra Unified, all bond funding will be used to pay off the Foothill Campus construction debt and related fees. A citizens' oversight committee will monitor bond expenditures.
4. Elimination of the Foothill construction debt will return \$1.1 million annually to the general fund to support programs currently in jeopardy.
5. The bond will cost an estimated \$37.90 per \$100,000 assessed property tax value per year over ten years.
6. Sierra Unified School District has made reductions of \$1,780,684 over the past 5 years due to declining enrollment; and cut an additional \$4,090,348 due to reduction in State funding. (*See Table 1*)
7. Based on the governor's January State budget proposal, the Sierra Unified School District budget for the next year will necessitate further reductions \$1.7 million in expenditure reductions.
8. All registered voters in the Sierra High School attendance area will participate. This includes Sierra Junior High, Pine Ridge Elementary, Big Creek Elementary, and Foothill Elementary School.
9. Passage of the bond will help preserve the breadth and quality of our educational programs during this time of economic uncertainty.
10. The bond, Measure O, will be on the presidential primary ballot held on **June 5, 2012**.

Table 1: Reductions Made 2008-2011

Programs	Teachers	Support	Management
Summer School	28.5 Teachers	4 Classroom Aides	1 Elementary Principal
Late Bus Runs	Science Specialist	3 Special Ed Aides	1 Junior High Principal
HS Boys Golf	Elementary Music Teacher	HS Campus Aide	2 High School Counselors
HS Girls Golf	2 Library Media Teachers	3 Health Office Aides	2 School Psychologists
HS Wrestling	Reading Specialist	3 Library Techs	1 Middle School Counselor
HS Badminton	3 Furlough Days 2010, 2011, 2012	2 School Secretaries	Combined Superintendent/ HS Principal/ JH Principal
HS Boys Water Polo		3 Part time Clerk Typists	
HS Girls Water Polo		District Office Receptionist	Director of Ed Services
Non-league Travel	Facilities	Superintendent's Secretary	Director of Food Services
8 Coaching Positions	Closed District Office	SARB Board Representative	Cafeteria Manager
Instructional Supplies	Closed Auberry Elementary	District Account Clerk	Maintenance Supervisor
	Closed Sierra Elementary	Computer Specialist	Board of Trustees Health Benefits
	Closed Fitness Center to Public	3 Custodians	
		1 Bus Driver/Custodian	3 Furlough Days 2010, 2011, 2012
		1 Bus Driver/Utility	
		1 Relief Bus Driver	
		1 Maintenance Position	
		1 Mechanic	
		1 Food Service Delivery	
		3 Furlough Days 2010, 2011, 2012	

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