

Measure I Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

2020-21 Annual Report to the Arcadia Unified School District Governing Board

"Creating places and spaces that enrich the lives of those who use them"

In November 2006, Arcadia residents invested in the future of their schools with the passage of Measure I, the \$218M Neighborhood Schools, Health, Safety and Repair Bond Measure. The community's support of Measure I recognizes that Arcadia's school facilities should match the reputation of its outstanding educational program and that our schools are one of Arcadia's most important assets.

In 2020-21, Measure I bond projects continued to progress with minor projects being completed at various sites. For more information on these projects, please visit the District's website at <https://www.ausd.net>.

Additionally in 2020-21, the installation of LED lights and HVAC controls district-wide commenced. Both projects which will save the District money via energy savings. The new HVAC controls allow maintenance staff to control, program and troubleshoot air conditioning needs remotely via any internet connection.

Installation of LED Lights and HVAC Controls



Before



After



Before



After

TAXPAYER SAVINGS OF \$5.7 MILLION

On September 8, 2020, the Board of Education authorized the issuance of up to \$28,995,000 of the Measure I General Obligation Bonds in connection with the Election of 2006, Series C 2020 Bonds, and up to \$30 million of the Refunding Bonds in connection with the Election of 2006, Series B 2014 Bonds. The debt from Measure I is being repaid by property taxes, and an approximate savings of \$5.7 million achieved from refinancing will benefit taxpayers who own property within the community of Arcadia.

Vice Chairperson's Message from Aili Gardea

On behalf of the members serving on the Measure I Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, I am pleased to present our 2020-21 Annual Report. It was a year like no other, and in spite of the challenges posed by the global pandemic, work continued on minor projects during the 2020-21 fiscal year. In addition, installation began on LED lights and HVAC controls throughout the district. These installations will not only modernize the lighting and HVAC control systems but will conserve energy and provide savings to the district for years to come. This is but another example of an investment in the future of AUSD that has resulted from the \$218 million-dollar bond measure. The students of AUSD continue to benefit from the major facility upgrades and countless other improvements provided by Measure I funding over the past 15 years. Thank you, Arcadia taxpayers, for making this progress possible!

The Committee's primary responsibility is to ensure the proceeds from the bond measure are spent only for the purposes set forth in Measure I. This mandate has been fulfilled by holding three meetings a year and reviewing all expenditures to make sure they were truly spent as required. Our independent accounting firm Nigro & Nigro, PC completed its annual audit as of June 30, 2021, and issued its unqualified opinion stating AUSD did in fact comply with all requirements of the bond measure. Details regarding the bond issuance and expenditures are noted on the back page of this Report.

It has been a pleasure to continue to serve on the Measure I Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their dedication to our mission. I would also like to thank the staff and administration of AUSD, the parents and students of the district, the Arcadia Unified Board of Education members, and, in particular, the citizens of our community, for supporting Measure I!

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Top, left to right (highlighted in yellow): Kathy Yamane, Larry Callahan, Brandie Stanfield, Joyce Platt, Tiffany Loong, Aili Gardea, Jennifer Ledesma, and Matthew Taylor (not pictured: Karen Acosta)

District staff (highlighted in blue): Dierk Esseln, Tony Barrios, and Connie Chu

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Citizens' Oversight Committee Contact Information

The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) was appointed to review and ensure that the District's expenditure of Measure I bond proceeds are expended for the purposes set forth and to report its findings to the Board of Education and community.

The COC reviews construction plans and expenditures three times a year. Meetings are held in Staff Development Room A at the Arcadia Education Center, located at 150 South Third Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006, unless otherwise noted. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Additionally, agendas, minutes and Annual Reports are posted on the COC's webpage at: <https://www.ausd.net>.

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In the fall of 2021, the selection of an architect will be conducted. The architect will assist in the design of future projects. The first project on the list will be Holly Avenue portable replacement and installation of a new two-story modular building. The architect will also assist with district-wide shade structures at all elementary and middle schools. In addition, wood chips at playgrounds will be removed and replaced with rubberized play surfacing. As part of the scheduled maintenance replacement plan, all play structures will be replaced with new play structures (funded by other district funding sources).

Future Projects:

- Portable replacement and installation of new two-story modular building at Holly Avenue Elementary School
- Wood chip replacement along with new play structures
- District-wide shade structures



Remove portable buildings and replace with new two-story building at Holly Avenue Elementary School



District-wide wood chip replacement at playgrounds along with shade and new play structures (possible rendering shown)



Potential district-wide shade structures (shade structures will vary based on need and ability to install)

Bond Expenditure Update

In February 2007, the first series of bonds under Measure I were sold for \$162 million. The District issued Series B for an additional \$27 million in June 2014. Series A was refunded in 2017, resulting in a savings of approximately \$80 million over the life of the bond repayment. In November 2020, the District issued the remaining bond funds, Series C, for an additional \$29 million. Funding, estimated budget, payments, and status as of June 30, 2021, are shown in these tables.

Updated Funding - 06/30/21	
Measure I - Local School Bond	\$ 217,449,525
State Funding	\$ 23,765,355
CTE State Funding	\$ 6,784,775
State Joint Use Funding	\$ 1,500,000
City Joint Use Funding	\$ 1,400,000
Developer Fees & Other Capital Facilities	\$ 27,500,000
Program Interest	\$ 25,000,000
	\$ 303,399,655

School	Updated Budget 06/30/21	Total Payments thru 06/30/20	07/01/20 to 06/30/21	Total Payments thru 06/30/21	Status as of 06/30/21
Arcadia High School	\$ 136,401,999	\$ 133,674,009	\$ 991,231	\$ 134,665,240	LED Lights & HVAC 75% Complete
First Ave. Middle School	\$ 12,568,433	\$ 11,944,584	\$ 255,572	\$ 12,200,155	LED Lights & HVAC 70% Complete
Dana Middle School	\$ 16,467,629	\$ 16,006,497	\$ 245,873	\$ 16,252,369	LED Lights & HVAC 80% Complete
Foothills Middle School	\$ 18,957,706	\$ 18,549,634	\$ 390,806	\$ 18,940,440	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Hugo Reid Elementary	\$ 16,073,289	\$ 15,890,073	\$ 83,692	\$ 15,973,765	LED Lights & HVAC 85% Complete
Longley Way Elementary	\$ 14,168,652	\$ 14,077,241	\$ 88,203	\$ 14,165,445	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Highland Oaks Elementary	\$ 9,532,704	\$ 9,429,537	\$ 99,153	\$ 9,528,690	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Holly Avenue Elementary	\$ 9,016,870	\$ 8,909,379	\$ 103,183	\$ 9,012,563	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Camino Grove Elementary	\$ 8,907,269	\$ 8,794,395	\$ 107,791	\$ 8,902,186	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Baldwin Stocker Elementary	\$ 8,397,224	\$ 7,997,241	\$ 74,138	\$ 8,071,379	LED Lights & HVAC 65% Complete
Arcadia Education Center	\$ 17,988,222	\$ 17,962,785	\$ 24,170	\$ 17,986,954	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
School Maintenance Site	\$ 8,523,889	\$ 8,506,151	\$ 15,072	\$ 8,521,224	LED Lights & HVAC 95% Complete
Other/Future Projects	\$ 26,395,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	No Projects
Total	\$ 303,399,655	\$ 271,741,526	\$ 2,478,884	\$ 274,220,410	<i>(90.38% - total spent)</i>