

Paradise Unified School District Frequently Asked Questions About Measure Y

How are our Paradise schools doing?

Our schools in Paradise Unified School District (PUSD) provide a high-quality education to elementary, middle and high school students in Paradise and Magalia. We are proud that here in PUSD schools, every student matters and every moment counts. PUSD graduates are knowledgeable, productive, responsible citizens who are motivated to continue learning and are able to function successfully in a complex, changing world. We are proud of the role our schools play in Paradise and Magalia and we are grateful for our community's continued support for excellent education.

What challenges do PUSD schools face?

Although our district has provided a great education to local students for over 80 years, our schools now need repairs and updates to maintain academic excellence. Leaky roofs, deteriorating plumbing and old septic systems must be repaired and inadequate electrical, ventilation and security systems need to be replaced. Our schools also need improvements for handicapped accessibility and student safety.

Local classrooms and labs require updates to continue quality education and attract the best teachers to Paradise Unified schools. Technology must be continually upgraded and aging temporary portable classrooms need to be replaced with permanent classrooms to give local students the resources they need to succeed.

How does PUSD plan to address these challenges?

Our students deserve to attend class in a safe, up-to-date educational environment and have the same educational opportunities as others in our region. In order to make critical repairs and updates at local schools, the PUSD Board of Trustees voted to place Measure Y, a \$61 million school improvement and student safety bond measure, on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

What specific upgrades would be funded by Measure Y?

If approved by voters, Measure Y would:

- Repair or replace leaky roofs, deteriorating plumbing and aging septic systems
- Upgrade inadequate electrical and security systems
- Construct and modernize science labs and classrooms
- Replace outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems
- Increase student access to computers and modern technology
- Update physical education facilities for school and community use

How do we know funds from Measure Y would be spent responsibly?

Measure Y would include strict fiscal accountability provisions to ensure funds are spent as promised.

- All funding would stay local to support Paradise and Magalia schools and could never be taken away by the State
- No funds could be used for any form of administrator or staff salaries
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits would be required to ensure all funds are spent as required by law
- Measure Y would cost property owners \$57.50 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) value per year

How much would Measure Y cost?

The annual cost of Measure Y would be \$57.50 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) value per year, or about \$8.29 per month.

Would all Measure Y funds stay in our community to benefit PUSD schools?

Yes. All Measure Y funds would be controlled locally and would benefit PUSD schools. No funding could ever be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

Are there other ways to update and improve our schools?

Our district has few options when it comes to funding necessary repairs and updates that Paradise and Magalia schools need. We can't rely on the State to complete these repairs and redirecting funds in the current budget would take resources out of our classrooms and away from our students.

Measure Y would provide the funding needed to fix and improve school facilities to ensure we can provide a safe, modern learning environment for all local students.

When will I be able to vote on Measure Y?

Measure Y will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot. All registered voters living in the Paradise Unified School District are eligible to vote on Measure Y.

What level of support would Measure Y need to pass?

Measure Y needs to be supported by 55% of those who vote on it in order to pass.

How can I register to vote or learn more about voting?

You can register to vote at www.registertovote.ca.gov. To find out more about voting in this election, please contact the Butte County Registrar of Voters at (530) 538-7761 or visit www.clerk-recorder.buttecounty.net.

How can I learn more about our schools?

We welcome your input as we work to ensure our schools can continue to provide local students with a quality education. For more information, please contact Superintendent Michelle John at (530) 872-6400 ext. 223.