



# SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

An Update from Walnut Valley Unified School District



# Walnut Valley USD Schools Provide S

Our District strives to provide a high-quality, well-rounded education that prepares all students with the skills for success in college and future careers. We believe that whether or not you have school-age children, you can be proud of our excellent neighborhood schools.



## ***Keeping Students Ahead of the Curve in the 21st Century***

Maintaining high student achievement and preparing students for successful futures are at the top of our educational priorities. Achieving these goals requires safe classrooms, science labs and facilities equipped with modern learning technology.

While some local schools have been upgraded to these standards, many others have not. Improvements are needed to ensure all local students have access to the modern technology and skills training needed to compete for college and good careers.

## ***Continuing Strong Fiscal Management***

Our District prides itself on providing quality educational opportunities, while ensuring fiscal responsibility with our taxpayers' dollars.

- Refinanced past bonds to save local taxpayers \$4.3 million.
- Local school bonds that voters approved in 1991 will be completely paid off in four years. This will lower tax rates by \$54 per \$100,000 of assessed value from what they are today.
- Measures S and Y Citizen Oversight Committee has provided positive reports on the District's management of bond funds and project completion.

For more details on oversight reports visit [www.wvusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.wvusd.k12.ca.us)



# Students with the Skills for Success

## **Potential School Improvement Ballot Measure to Support Student Success**

Our District is evaluating the need for a potential bond measure that would make essential classroom, lab and technology improvements to support student success. This measure would:

- Provide safe and modern classrooms, labs and technology for all students
- Provide classrooms and labs for career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and well-paying jobs in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades
- Retrofit older school buildings so they are earthquake safe
- Provide the facilities and technology needed for advanced courses in math, science, engineering, technology and the arts
- Improve student safety and school security systems, including security lighting, security cameras, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers
- Ensure that all teachers are adequately trained in the use of modern instructional technologies
- Upgrade outdated classrooms, science labs and school facilities to support 21st Century instructional technology

## **Local Funds, Local Control, Local Schools**

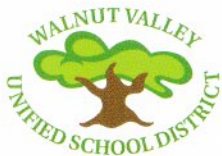
- All money raised by the measure would stay in our local schools to support our students, and could not be taken away by the state or used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- The District is considering a \$208 million bond measure with a tax rate of around \$44 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually
- The measure would require a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the money would be used, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual public audits to ensure money is spent properly



## **We Want to Hear From You**

As the District continues to explore a potential bond measure, we want to hear your feedback. Please send all questions and comments via email to [jthiel@wvusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jthiel@wvusd.k12.ca.us).





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# WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Walnut Valley USD, serving Diamond Bar, Walnut and parts of West Covina, is committed to providing a top-quality education to each and every student. Our schools are among the highest performing in the state and nation, and over the last several years our District has earned several academic excellence awards and rankings, including:

- 4 National Blue Ribbon School Awards
- 13 California Distinguished School Awards
- International Baccalaureate World School Award
- Ranked 13th best school district in California out of more than 1,000 in the 2015 Niche report
- Ranked 6th best school district for both strong academic excellence and home-purchase affordability in the "Best School Districts for Your Buck" study, making it the only Southern California school district in the top 10
- Diamond Bar HS and Walnut HS ranked in the top 100 of all high schools in the nation (out of more than 30,000) for 2014 by the Daily Beast Publication

We are proud of the achievements of our students, teachers and staff. Please read inside to learn more about how our District intends to maintain high academic achievement.