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Wiseburn Unified School District



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Dear Neighbors:

At Wiseburn Unified School District, we are proud to be considered one of the top performing school districts in California. Our commitment is to continue providing excellent, safe education spaces so our students and teachers are prepared for success.

We have emerged from the pandemic stronger than ever, and are constantly reminded about how important it is to plan and be prepared for our future success. **Our challenge is this:** We need classrooms and facilities that support excellent teaching and learning.

In order to maintain our high academic achievement, we have been engaging teachers, students, staff, and the community in our Facilities Master Planning process. Since January, we have had multiple committee meetings, updates at public board meetings, and most recently a town hall.

As we finalize our 2022 Facilities Master Plan, it is important that we keep you informed. We are considering all available options to fund our facilities needs including a potential local school bond measure, and want your input before any critical decisions are made later this summer. Please respond by June 22.

Please scan the QR code below or visit *wiseburn.org/ourfuture* to learn more and take our survey. I also encourage you to call *310-725-2101 x5105* or email *wtsubaki@wiseburn.org* to set up a time for me to speak with you or a community group.

Sincerely,

Dr. Blake Silvers, Superintendent

Proud of our past— investing in our future.































Our Goals:

We are committed to high academic achievement with up-to-date classrooms that support excellent teacher instruction and student success.

- ➤ **SUPPORT** our excellent teachers, who provide high quality instruction every day.
- ► MODERNIZE older technology and labs to support 21st century instruction.
- ► IMPROVE student access to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.
- UPGRADE campus safety for emergencies and keep intruders out.
- ► ADDRESS urgent basic repairs fix gas lines, leaky roofs, aging plumbing, etc.
- ► **IMPROVE** access to student mental health services.

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What is this all about?

At Wiseburn Unified School District, we are proud of the excellent teaching and learning that happens every day. As the local providers of TK-12 public education, we have two key priorities: first, to ensure academic and career success for every student; and second, to make sure that our five school campuses, including facilities, technology, and school grounds are healthy, safe, secure, technologically current, environmentally sound, and equipped to provide Wiseburn students with the very best educational setting possible. We need facilities that support excellent teaching and learning, and have identified critical repairs and upgrades that are needed as part of our 2022 Facilities Master Planning (FMP) community engagement process. Our current FMP identifies \$118M in critical facilities needs, and we are exploring options to meet them including a local school bond. No decisions have been made. We are seeking community input before the board makes critical decisions later this summer.

Why are you reaching out?

An essential part of our ongoing facilities improvement process involves reaching out to parents and community members to share information, listen, and gather continued input about our facilities needs.

Why does this matter?

A thriving school district is a cornerstone of any flourishing community. Great schools improve our quality of life and protect our home values. In order for our students and teachers to be successful now and in college and careers of the future, they must be skilled in new technologies and have a solid background in core subjects such as science, technology, engineering, math, and arts. **Ongoing investment in infrastructure is critical.** Part of our responsibility to

the community is to maintain quality school facilities that support excellent teaching and learning.

What about other funding?

Wiseburn USD makes every effort to use resources wisely, but the burden is growing to adequately repair and upgrade our school facilities and classrooms. Our maintenance and operations staff work hard to keep our schools safe and in adequate condition, but the current scope of repairs needed far exceeds the standard allotment for school maintenance. We are exploring all options to meet critical facilities needs including State and Federal matching funds. School bonds are the most common way to fund the upgrades needed.

If Wiseburn USD does pursue a local school bond, when will you make that decision?

NO decisions have been made. District leaders are seeking YOUR INPUT first, before critical decisions are made. To qualify for the November 2022 election, the District would have to file its resolution calling for an election no later than early August 2022.

Who makes the final decision on a local school bond?

The locally elected Wiseburn USD school board is the legal entity that must take action to call for an election. If the board places a bond on the ballot, **ALL REGISTERED VOTERS would have the final say when they vote for or against a measure.**

Where can I go for more information?

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