UPDATE ON BOND MEASURES

We appreciate the community’s support in providing our students and staff with safe and secure facilities through the approvals of Bond Measures A and N.

The most recent of these, Measure N, is a $35 million general obligation bond to improve safety and security District-wide. It was approved in November 2014. Since then, security features have been upgraded throughout the District, including secured single-entry access at Bear Gulch Elementary and Doña Merced Elementary schools. State approval for the design and construction plans is pending to upgrade the security for the remaining five schools. Currently, that work is scheduled for summer 2021. Additionally, the District has replaced all heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) units that were 25 years or older at three schools. HVAC units at the remaining four campuses will be upgraded this summer.

The Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee meets regularly to determine next steps with bond funding. For information on the Bond Oversight Committee, please visit https://csd-ca.schoolloop.com/bondpages.

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It is important for the community to know about the great happenings in its neighborhood schools. We are proud of the variety of accomplishments that make Central School District a “District of Destination” for many families.

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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

MOVING DAY ALMOST HERE

We are very excited to share that our long-awaited move to new Central School District headquarters is just about here. Our offices will be closed from June 19 through July 2 so that we can get settled in our new debt-free 17,000-square-foot headquarters at 8316 Red Oak in Rancho Cucamonga. You’ll recall that after careful consideration, our Board of Trustees authorized the purchase and renovation of the facility and turned what is now a liability (rental payments in excess of $250,000 a year) into an asset (a debt-free building we own). The new facility makes better use of space, is energy efficient and will help us avoid a significant financial hardship in the years ahead.

WHY BUYING MAKES SENSE

Since 1993, the Central District has rented space at our current location – a cost that now exceeds $250,000 annually. By purchasing the new facility debt-free, we not only eliminate the annual rental costs, we’re building equity every year. It’s important to note that bond funds were not used for the acquisition. Instead, we used our Capital Facilities Fund – the same dollars used to pay the rent on our current headquarters. By law, that money can be used only for specific purposes-capital projects, lease payments and deferred maintenance. Due to the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies, this funding source will be discontinued in 2027. With the move, we join most other districts in our region who own their own headquarters. While our address is changing, our emails and phone numbers will not!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Like you, we’re eager for schools to reopen after the unprecedented closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As of now, we have not received clearance from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health to open our campuses and classrooms, but we’re hopeful that we’ll be able to do so by the start of the 2020-2021 academic year.

We want to thank our school community for their patience and support during what has been a challenging and difficult time. Distance learning provided an opportunity for our students to continue their educational experience from home. Our teachers and staff did an amazing job of educating and feeding students during the school closure.

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD

We are proud to report that Coyote Canyon Elementary School was honored as a 2020 California Distinguished School and has been nominated by the state to be a National Blue Ribbon School. Both are tremendous honors and recognize the exceptional work of our Coyote Canyon team in improving academic performance and closing the achievement gap. The Distinguished School honor puts Coyote Canyon in the top 5% of elementary schools statewide. The Blue Ribbon School nomination is even more prestigious-only 35 schools out of nearly 6,000 across the state will represent California at the national level. Congratulations to the entire Coyote Canyon School community. We couldn’t be prouder!

PARENT SURVEY

Each year, we ask our District families for feedback to assist us in the development of our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). We’re thrilled to have received 1,188 responses this year. The numbers below represent the percentage of respondents who agree or strongly agree:

Central School District offers a strong academic instructional program: 98%
Students are safe at Central schools: 97%
Students are challenged to do their best at Central schools: 98%
My child is happy at school: 97%
I have confidence in school staff to meet the needs of my child: 97%
The campuses are clean and well cared for: 93%
My child has access to the instructional materials he/she needs: 99%
The staff are attentive to the social/emotional needs of students: 95%

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

We will continue to provide updates via email and our District website. We also have a new tool to help parents, students and community know what is happening at their schools, right from their phones. Our new mobile app, “Central School District 91730,” offers real-time updates on school schedules, cafeteria menus, teacher and staff contacts, and events. You can download the app for free from the Apple AppStore or Google Play.

Learning today for the challenges of tomorrow