



LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEXT STEPS TO SAFE AND MODERN SCHOOLS

The Lowell Joint School District (LJSD) is committed to providing a strong academic program of well-rounded, diverse and innovative educational opportunities to all students. Our dedicated teachers and staff empower students to achieve success and expand learning beyond the walls of the classroom.

LJSD BOND PROGRAM – PHASE I

Over the past few years, thanks to Measure LL, all of our schools received repairs and critical updates to the structural foundations of our schools. These improvements have included replacing deteriorating roofs, fire alarm systems, HVAC systems and associated electrical and plumbing; replacing aging portables with permanent modular classrooms at Jordan Elementary School as well as updating parking lot drop-off/pick-up zones to improve student safety and expanding ADA accessibility just to name a few.

As Phase I comes to a close – on time and on budget, there is more work to be done to ensure all students are learning in safe and modern classrooms, science labs and facilities.



NEXT STEPS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SAFETY AND 21ST-CENTURY EDUCATION

In order to continue the progress of our LJSD Bond Program, the LJSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place a school improvement bond measure on the November 2024 ballot that will generate up to \$54 million to repair and improve LJSD schools. The measure will cost about \$30 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value (not market value) per year while bonds are outstanding, or about \$142 for the typical homeowner. If passed, funds from the bond measure could:



Provide classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology, career technical education, and the performing arts



Improve access for students with disabilities



Replace aging portable classrooms with permanent modular classrooms that meet today's academic standards



Improve student safety, campus security systems including fencing, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers



Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science and career technical instruction

CONTINUED MANDATORY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A school improvement bond measure requires mandatory fiscal accountability, including:

- ✓ An independent citizens' oversight committee, annual audits and a project list describing how funds will be used
- ✓ All money raised by the measure must be used in LJSD schools and cannot be taken away by the State
- ✓ By law, no funds can be spent on administrators' salaries or benefits

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

We welcome your feedback and questions as we work to meet current facility needs. To share your opinions, priorities, or to ask questions, please contact Superintendent Jim Coombs at jcoombs@ljsd.org.