



Dear Sunnyvale Resident:

As we enter the final week before this landmark Sunnyvale election, I'd like to emphasize some key points and share information about our bond initiative:

- **Sunnyvale ISD has, and will continue to grow rapidly and increase in student population:**
 - 2007 Enrollment - 660
 - 2017 Enrollment - 1742
 - 2026 Enrollment - 2764 (projection according to Templeton Demographics)

- **Two SISD campuses are near capacity:**
 - The elementary is projected to reach its capacity of 700 in the next school year;
 - The high school is projected to reach its capacity of 550 in August 2018.

- **Although the proposed bond would include construction for a new intermediate school and a high school expansion, the referendum will increase capacity at *all three campuses*:**
 - The new intermediate campus will be for grades 3, 4, 5 and be designed for 600 students;
 - Moving grades three and four to the intermediate will free up space at the elementary, which, as stated above is near capacity;
 - The high school expansion will accommodate 350 additional students;
 - These additional classrooms, along with the recent SMS expansion, will provide capacity to facilitate projected growth for the next 10 years.

- **The high school expansion will address much-needed facility needs for our award-winning Fine Arts programs:**
 - Currently, the Fine Arts programs rehearse and perform in a "cafetorium" (a hybrid of a cafeteria and auditorium) that are sub-standard for lighting and acoustics;
 - The SHS cafetorium would be transformed into an enclosed, stand-alone auditorium;
 - A new dining hall would be constructed to accommodate future SHS growth.

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- **Success of the Raider athletic programs has increased participation and created facility needs for participants and guests:**
 - Crowding issues exist for locker rooms and training facilities;
 - Increased attendance for events at Raider Stadium has generated the need for expansion.

- **The total proposed bond is for \$43.17 million. The cost breakdown for each project is as follows:**
 - Intermediate school construction and high school expansion - \$34.2 million (79.3%);
 - Auditorium and dining hall - \$5.61 million (13.0%);
 - Athletic expansion - \$3.31 million (7.7%).

- **Bond Cost for Sunnyvale taxpayers:**
 - The average home price in Sunnyvale is \$378,000, with the district providing a \$25,000 exemption for homeowners;
 - Taxes are projected to increase by \$332 annually, based on the above average home price;
 - Tax rates are frozen for homeowners over 65 years of age.

SISD appreciates the strong support and interest our citizens have in Sunnyvale ISD. Please contact me at doug.williams@sunnyvaleisd.com should you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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