

In Touch With TUSD

*Sharing news and information with our school parents.
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Thank You for Investing in Our Schools and Future!

The Tustin Unified School District recently made history when the community approved Measure G, our \$80 million school bond to repair and renovate older schools. The bond measure passed with 11,324 votes or 66.8 percent — well-exceeding the required 55 percent needed to pass.

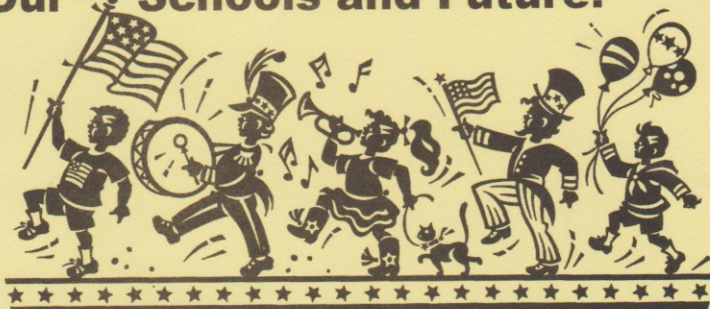
Last August, the TUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to place the bond measure — the first one in the 30-year history of the District — on the November 5 ballot. Over the past several months, many parents, staff, and community members spent long hours and countless days working together to pass the bond measure.

I feel positive, not only about the bond, but the uniting of the community. So many people came together in support of our schools.

Now that the bond measure has passed, we can begin to repair aging facilities and buildings, and make critical additions to the District's 20 oldest schools.

The proposed schedule to receive funds is \$31 million in 2003; \$24.5 million in 2005; and \$24.5 million in 2007. The proceeds will be used to upgrade and renovate classrooms and buildings at schools in the District except those in Tustin Ranch and West Irvine. Home-owners living in those areas already pay Mello-Roos funds and are not affected by the bond measure.

The money will pay for such things as health and safety repairs; hazardous materials abatement; disabled access projects; heating, ventilation, electrical, plumbing, sewer, and roof systems repair or replace-

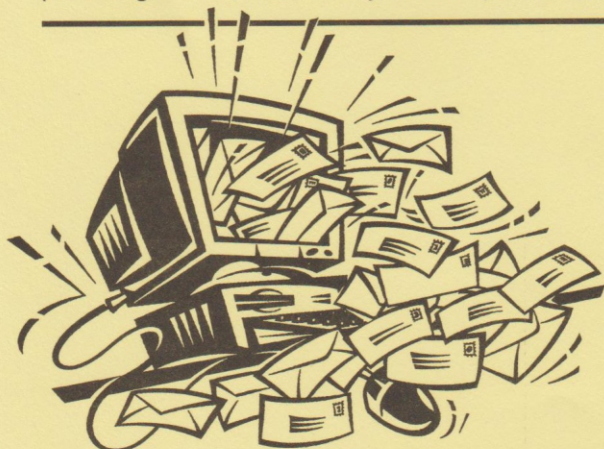


ment; classrooms, restrooms, and school buildings renovation; and science and technology upgrades.

In addition, Proposition 47, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond, also passed. TUSD is eligible to receive \$104 million — \$66 million for immediate school construction in Tustin Ranch and West Irvine, and an additional \$38 million in state-matching funds to benefit our older schools. When combined with the \$80 million from Measure G, the District will receive a total of \$118 million in renovations for our older schools.

On behalf of the Tustin Unified School District, I wish to thank the parents, principals, teachers, staff, and community members for their commitment and support of Measure G. I also want to specially thank three dedicated and hard-working individuals who served as Measure G Committee chairpersons — Karen Card, Kristin Gallagher, and Carol Merritt.

The passage of Measure G is a great thing for both the school system and the community. Thank you for investing in the future of our students!



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TUSD Website Wins Golden Web Award

The Tustin Unified School District's redesigned website has won the 2002-03 Golden Web Award from the International Association of Web Masters and Designers. The award is presented to those sites whose web design, originality, and content have achieved levels of excellence.

The TUSD website features calendars, school site directory and map, Board of Education meetings, District programs and departments, parent and student FYI sections, employment opportunities, news releases, Hot Topics, "In Touch With TUSD" columns, general information, and links to schools, colleges, universities, and the community.

In addition, we have launched a new E-distribution service for "In Touch with TUSD." Visit the TUSD website at www.tustin.k12.ca.us and select "In Touch" from the home page. Once you arrive at the "In Touch" section of the site you will find a link to subscribe to the e-mail version of "In Touch with TUSD." Happy Holidays to you and your family!