
**Alvord Unified School District
Measure W
General Obligation Bond Reauthorization Election
November 6, 2012**

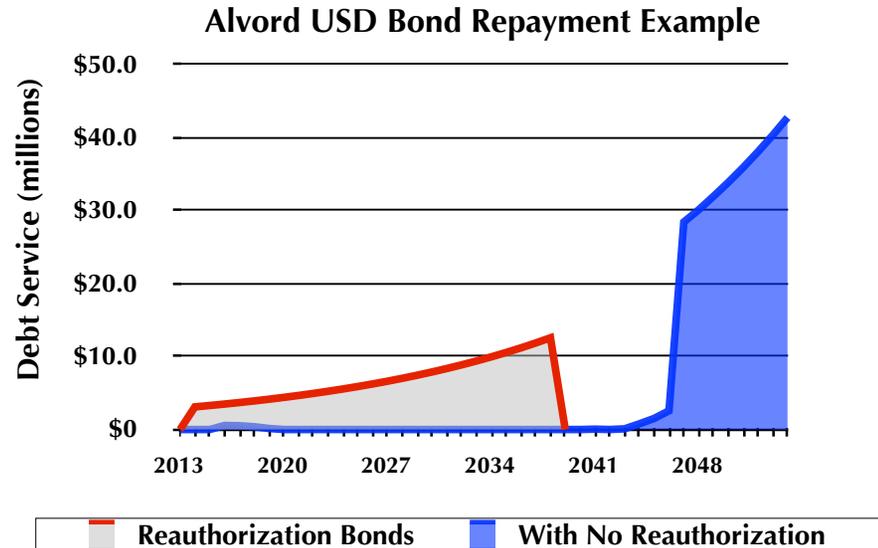
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Alvord USD: **What is Measure W?**

Measure W will reauthorize \$79 million of Alvord Unified School District general obligation (G.O.) bonds previously approved by District voters in November 2007.

By reauthorizing the 2007 bonds, Measure W will:

- Allow the District to continue the job of improving our community's schools.
- Not cause any increase in the District's total authorized debt.
- Save taxpayers up to \$180 million in overall interest costs.
- Allow the Alvord Unified School District to borrow at lower interest rates.



Alvord USD: **Taxpayer Protection & Cost**

Measure W has taxpayer protections in place:

- Restrictions that no funds can be spent on administrator salaries, pensions, or benefits.
- Requires annual reviews of all expenditures by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- Legally requires annual audits.
- All funds must be used in the Alvord Unified School District and cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere.

How much will Measure W cost?

- The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be an additional \$51.28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year or less than \$4.30 a month per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Alvord USD: **Measure W Projects**

Measure W will renovate and upgrade classrooms and school facilities in the District by:

- Expanding District vocational education programs and facilities including welding, automotive technology, medical and health technology, and construction trades.
- Upgrading and replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
- Upgrading classrooms and other educational facilities throughout the District with up-to-date computers and technology.
- Upgrading science classrooms and labs.
- Meeting handicap accessibility (ADA) requirements in restrooms, classrooms, and playgrounds.
- Repairing and replacing leaky roofs.

Appendix: **Frequently Asked Questions**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS HANDOUT ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure W, on the November 6, 2012 ballot, will reauthorize \$79 million of Alvord Unified School District general obligation (G.O.) bonds previously approved by District voters in November 2007. Measure W will provide funding for classroom and school facility improvements throughout the Alvord Unified School District including vocational education facilities, science and computer labs, and school libraries.

The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind Measure W and how its passage will affect the District and the community.

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Why is Measure W needed? Many schools and facilities need to be repaired, updated and renovated to provide students with better tools to compete in today's world. Computers and technology need to be upgraded, outdated heating and air conditioning systems need to be repaired or replaced, and science labs and libraries need to be upgraded and expanded. Improved schools will give local children the best chance for success as well as maintain the quality of our community.

What is a general obligation bond? G.O. bonds fund projects such as the renovation of existing classrooms and school facilities, as well as construction of new classrooms and facilities. Similar to a home loan, G.O. bonds are typically repaid over a period of time. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property - residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural - located in the District.

Who can vote on Measure W? All registered voters living within the Alvord Unified School District boundaries will be able to vote on Measure W as long as they are registered by October 22, 2012.

How much will Measure W cost? The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be an additional \$51.28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year or less than \$4.30 a month per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. (Do not confuse assessed valuation with market value. Assessed valuations are the value placed on the property by the County and are almost always lower than market values).

Can these bond funds be taken by the State? No. By law, these bond funds must be spent entirely within the Alvord Unified School District and cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere.

Why can't the District meet its facilities needs with its current budget? The majority of the District's budget is dedicated to educational needs based on State mandated curriculum requirements. As a result, there has been a lack of funding for classroom and school facility improvements. The scope of needed projects far exceeds the District's general fund budget for facility improvements.

How can I be sure that Measure W funds will be spent on improving our schools? As required by law, an independent citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that the funds are properly spent. Also by law, there must be annual audits and no bond money can be used for administrative or teacher salaries.