
**Templeton Unified School District
Measure H-12
General Obligation Bond Election
November 6, 2012**

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Templeton Unified SD: **What is Measure H-12?**

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- Measure H-12, on the November 6, 2012 ballot, is a \$35 million general obligation bond program that will provide funding to help repair, construct, update, improve and expand classrooms and school facilities throughout the Templeton Unified School District.

Who can vote on Measure H-12?

- All registered voters living within the Templeton Unified School District boundaries will be able to vote on Measure H-12 as long as they are registered to vote by October 22, 2012.

Templeton Unified SD: **Measure H-12 Projects**

Measure H-12 will renovate and upgrade classrooms and school facilities in the District by:

- Repairing and modernizing aging school facilities throughout the District including temporary classrooms that are past their useful life and must be replaced
- Upgrading classrooms with up-to-date computers and wireless technology
- Expanding vocational education program facilities for welding, engineering, medical and science technology, and construction trades
- Repairing and replacing leaky roofs
- Upgrading and replacing outdated heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning units
- Installing energy cost saving systems

Templeton Unified SD: **Taxpayer Protection & Cost**

Measure H-12 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 Templeton Unified School District and cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere.

How much will Measure H-12 cost?

- The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year or \$5 a month per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
- The average annual assessed valuation in Templeton Unified School District is \$412,490.

Appendix: **Frequently Asked Questions**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS HANDOUT TEMPLETON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure H-12, on the November 6, 2012 ballot, is a \$35 million general obligation (G.O.) bond measure that will provide funding for classroom and school facility improvements throughout the Templeton Unified School District. The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind Measure H-12 and how its passage will affect the District and the community.

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Why is Measure H-12 needed? Many schools and facilities need to be repaired, updated and expanded to provide students with better tools to compete in today's world. Computers and technology need to be upgraded, educational and vocational facilities need to be expanded, and old roofs and plumbing need to be repaired or replaced. Improved schools will give local children the best chance for success as well as maintain the quality of our community.

What is Measure H-12? Measure H-12 is a \$35 million general obligation bond program intended to help the District repair, construct, update, improve and expand classrooms and school facilities throughout the District. This includes expanding vocational education facilities, upgrading electrical systems to improve student access to computers and modern technology, and repairing roofs throughout the district.

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.

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How much will Measure H-12 cost? The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year or \$5 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 Templeton 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 H-12 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 teacher or administrative salaries.