



HERMOSA BEACH

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing you regarding our upcoming facilities bond program in November. The Hermosa Beach City School District has provided an excellent public school education for the children of our community for almost 100 years. Today, over 1,020 students are enrolled in the District. Our schools have earned the Governor's Performance Award for meeting achievement goals established by the California testing program for the past four years. As a result, our schools' Academic Performance Index rating continues to rank far above the state average. Our teachers, staff, and community all helped to make this happen.

Our District has continued to invest from its capital and operating budget to improve and maintain our schools so that our students remain competitive and become productive citizens. Today, we have aging, limited school facilities that need to be modernized. The current need is greater than the existing District budget can fund.

A committee composed of representatives of school community stakeholders recently completed a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to identify specific facility needs. The committee prepared an itemized capital plan, which is available for review at the District Office. Over the past several months, we conducted public meetings throughout the District to review and prioritize the proposed projects, as well as to hear concerns and suggestions from staff, parents and community and business leaders.

We are asking our community to provide funding to provide the safe and modern facilities our students deserve. The District needs to:

- ◆ Make health and safety improvements, such as upgrading fire alarm systems and making schools more accessible for disabled students;
- ◆ Modernize schools and classrooms to provide 21st century facilities,
- ◆ Repair and replace restrooms, plumbing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems;
- ◆ Construct additional classrooms, science labs and student support facilities;
- ◆ Renovate electrical systems to improve student access to computers and technology;
- ◆ Acquire property adjacent to Valley School for future expansion

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Under a State program for school construction, our District qualifies for over \$1.5 million in State matching funds for some of these improvements, but a local match is required. Lottery funds can only be used for operating expenses and cannot be used to fund the capital improvements we need. Consequently, the District decided to place a bond before voters this November. We believe that improved schools are a major asset to our students and our community.

A committee of parents and community members will keep you informed of the District's progress toward meeting our local facilities needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Robert 'Duffy' Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "M." and last name "Clark" being the most legible parts.

M. Robert "Duffy" Clark, Ed.D
Superintendent