

# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Mill Valley School District (MVSD) provides exemplary educational programs for students in local elementary and middle schools. Dedicated teachers and staff are committed to developing well-rounded, globally-minded students and academically preparing them for high school, college and beyond. Outstanding schools that nurture successful students improve the quality of life in our community and protect the property value of our homes.

## REPAIRING AGING SCHOOLS FOR HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

Over the past two years, Mill Valley schools have adapted to challenging circumstances in order to continue providing a quality education to local students. Another challenge we must meet is upgrading our aging facilities to meet modern academic, ADA and safety standards. Most Mill Valley schools are between 40 and 100 years old, and our classrooms, labs and school facilities need to be updated to meet current academic and safety standards.

In particular, Mill Valley Middle School, which serves all students as they advance from elementary to middle school, was built in 1972 and its aging infrastructure is not designed for 21st century teaching and learning. Significant upgrades are needed to modernize science, technology, engineering and math classrooms and labs, and to enable collaboration, project-based learning and high levels of student support. Outdated electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems need to be replaced, and upgrades are needed to improve accessibility, energy efficiency, and earthquake and fire safety.

## DEDICATED LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

In order to keep pace with academic standards and keep local students safe, on February 10, 2022 the MVSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place a local school improvement bond measure on the June 2022 ballot that could generate up to \$194 million to repair and improve local schools. This measure would cost about \$26 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value (not market value) per year. If approved by local voters, this measure would:

- Repair and replace leaky roofs and windows and outdated electrical and plumbing systems
- Expand and upgrade science, technology, engineering and math classrooms, labs and learning technology to meet current instructional standards
- Improve accessibility for students with disabilities
- Add solar panels and improve energy efficiency throughout the District
- Replace outdated heating and ventilation systems to improve air filtration and indoor air quality
- Improve earthquake and fire safety

## MANDATORY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A local school improvement bond measure requires mandatory fiscal accountability, including:

- All funds raised by the measure would stay local to support Mill Valley students and could not be taken by the State
- A project list detailing how the funds would be used
- Funds can only be used for facilities, not for salaries or benefits
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and independent audits to ensure funds are spent as promised

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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