



# Measure O Update

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*First bonds expected to be sold at end of September 2009*

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## Bond Sale

The first round of bond sales is expected to be completed by the end of September 2009. The Board authorized a sale of bonds not to exceed \$35 million.

Prior to the bond sale, the District needed to establish its bond credit rating with Standard & Poors (S&P). Over the summer, the District met with S&P to present information on the District's financial strength and the overall community's tax base and stability. Due to the stable nature of the community tax base and the consistent and effective District financial management over the years, S&P gave the Westminster School District a bond rating of A+ as well as upgrading our Certificate of Participation rating from A- to A.

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*District Priority Planning Committee will establish priority for project list*

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## District Priority Planning

Once a construction manager and architect have been selected, a "District Priority Planning Committee" will be established. This committee will be responsible for reviewing the overall project list and available dollars (\$130 million) and developing a recommended priority list for Board approval.

The committee will be made up of Measure O stakeholders to include: teachers, classified staff, principals, administration, parents/community members and the construction manager and architect.

The Measure O project list is made up of three major areas, which are modernization; air conditioning/ventilation and offsetting energy efficiency; and middle school expansion.

The committee will review these major areas, and with the expertise of the construction manager and architect to help guide them, will establish a timeline for implementation.

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*Unified  
Communications  
System work is in  
progress*

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## Unified Communications (UC)

Many of you may have noticed some work taking place at your school sites. The first step in the installation of our new unified communications system is installing new internet cable that will provide the infrastructure on which the system will operate.

Part of the new system is moving from the Novell GroupWise email system to Microsoft Outlook. Currently Outlook is either available on your computer or through a web browser. Eventually, everyone will have access to Outlook directly on their computer. Details on the UC project are available at [www.wsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.wsd.k12.ca.us) under the Measure O link.

The new system includes:

- New School Messenger system for staff and parent communication.
- New telephones. Voicemail and fax will also be available in Outlook.
- New integrated clocks, intercoms and bells for all classrooms including outside speakers.
- Two external security cameras at all sites.

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*District in the process of  
selecting a construction  
manager and architect  
for Measure O work*

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## Construction Manager

Over the summer, the district issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for construction manager. The District received 12 Statements of Qualifications. A committee reviewed and scored each submission and narrowed the 12 firms down to five for a final interview by a District committee. The interview process will establish a recommendation to the Board for approval.

The construction manager will play an important role in helping to establish the District's priorities and carrying out the work for the entire \$130 million authorized by Measure O.

## Architect

Earlier this month, an RFQ was issued for architectural services. The submission deadline is 3:00 pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>. A committee will review and score the Statements of Qualifications and narrow the list down to a few for a final interview. After the interview process a recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval.