

On the upcoming November 7<sup>th</sup> election ballot, there will be a measure to authorize the sale of up to \$15 million in bonds to be spent only on critical repair and safety improvements to schools in the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District.

### What will the money be spent on?

Among the many improvements determined to be critical are:

- Replacement of antiquated electrical and plumbing facilities.
- Construction of new classrooms to replace outmoded portables.
- Long overdue fire safety improvements and earthquake retrofitting.
- Replacement of leaky roofs.

A complete list of improvements will be on the ballot. *Only* projects on this list will be able to access bond funds.

### Will \$15 million dollars be enough to complete all the needed improvements?

No. But passage of the bond measure *qualifies us for up to \$6 million in matching state funds we would not otherwise receive*. Bond money *does not* diminish the normal level of set-asides for our school district from federal and state governments. Plus, this community effort makes it far easier to tap other philanthropic resources.

### How much is it going to cost me?

The precise cost will be determined by various criteria explained in depth on our website. But yearly costs *will not exceed* \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

### Didn't we just pass a parcel tax to benefit the schools?

Yes. When parcel tax funds are collected, starting this year, that money will be used -- among other things -- to buy new computers, and to attract and retain highly qualified teachers. That money *cannot* be used for building improvement, just as bond money can *only* be used for building improvement.

### So...

This is going to mean a sacrifice. We know. But think about this. We live in a special place. All of us. Native coastsiders, international transplants, lumberjacks, tech commuters, househusbands, retirees, farmers and young families. Somehow we all form a community. And the first responsibility of every community is to take care of its future.

Measure I is a key component of our future. We need this folks. We *all* need this. And thank you.

Yes "I" Will...