

# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

## MEASURE V



### ABOUT MEASURE V

Measure V is a \$136 million general obligation bond approved by voters in 2020 to improve La Mesa-Spring Valley School District's aging facilities, improve student safety and campus security, and provide critical infrastructure and accessibility upgrades.

Thanks to our community, Measure V passed with nearly two-thirds approval. Measure V complies with California's Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools, and Financial Accountability Act. The Act includes requirements for a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) made up of volunteers to review expenditures and provide annual reports to the community to confirm that expenditures comply with ballot language.

By law, all funds raised by Measure V will remain local and used to improve La Mesa-Spring Valley schools, classrooms, and facilities; funds cannot be taken away by the State. Funds cannot be used for salaries or pensions.



### **MESSAGE FROM THE CBOC CHAIR**

Dear residents of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District area,

This document contains the second CBOC Annual Report published by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) and covers the period from January 2023 to December 2023. As background, the committee was formed to review expenditures for Measure V for the La Mesa Spring Valley School District projects as listed in the ballot language. The CBOC executes its oversight through regular and public reviews of project progress and spending to provide the taxpayers and community at large the validation that funds are being spent as intended and planned. In addition to one public meeting held at the District Education Center, the CBOC held 4 regular and open public meetings at project sites including Parkway Sports and Health Science Academy, La Presa STEAM Academy, and the La Mesa Arts Academy.

We are pleased to report that program and project level budget reviews by the district are continuous and adjusted with leadership and Board oversight as current market data is received. This process ensures that each school site receives the same improvements described in the multi-year program scope and as guided by application of existing district standards for facilities and infrastructure. As evidenced by information contained in this report, school facilities are being upgraded and improved to benefit the students and staff of the district and contribute to the quality of the community at large. In addition, the majority of hiring and spending has consistently stayed local. The bond monies authorized by the voters are, in turn, boosting our local economy.

The CBOC also reviews the annual external financial and performance audits. We are pleased to confirm a clean financial and performance audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The district also received a grade of "A" by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association for the annual school bond transparency review.

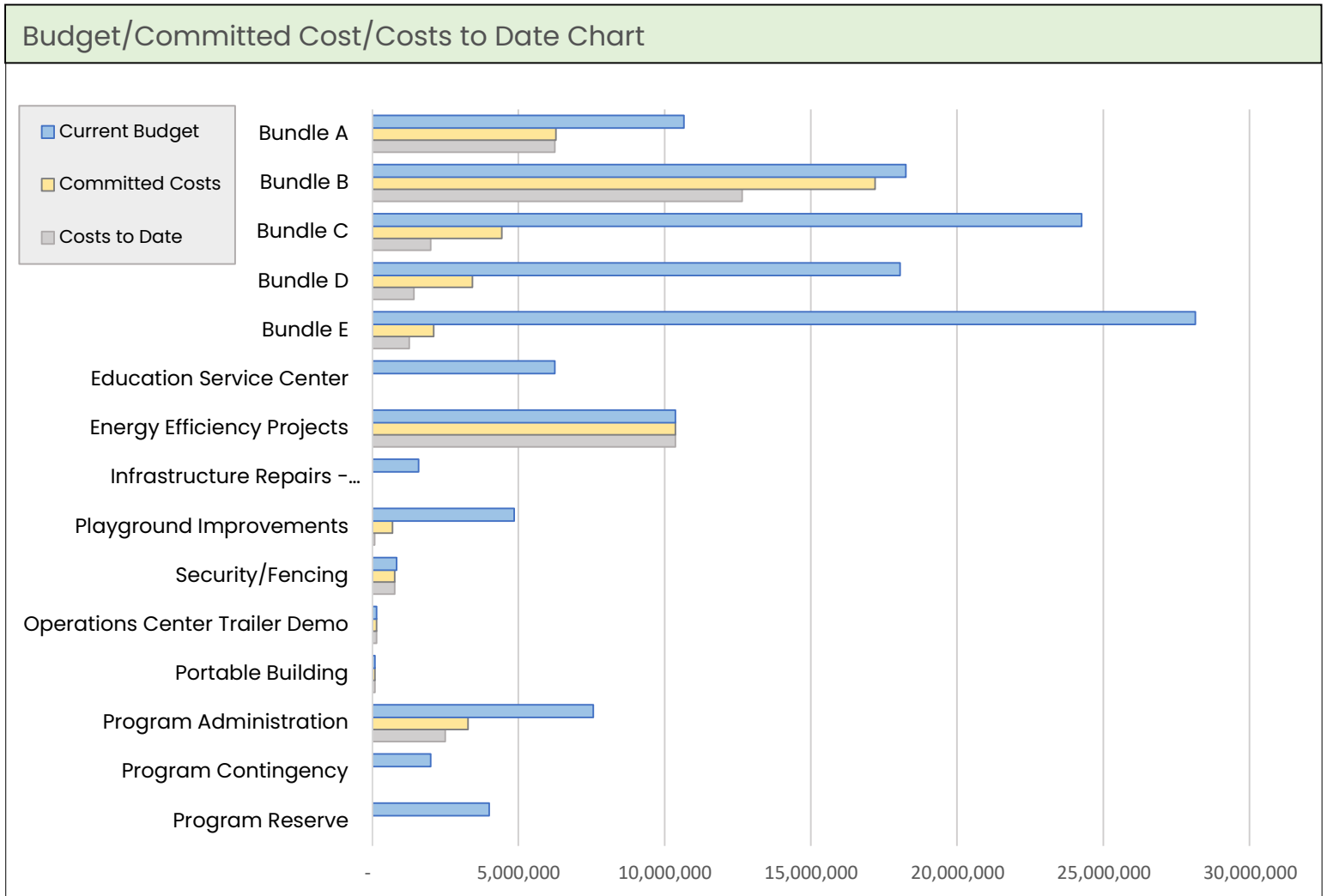
While recent storm events took place after the scope of this report, it bears mentioning that although no bond funds were used to cover costs incurred by storm damage, the bond construction infrastructure was in place to support quick repairs to damaged sites to help minimize the disruption to our student's learning. Financing was covered through non bond sources of money. The flexible work by the bond construction teams partnering with district administration is a credit to the value provided by a well crafted and well-run bond program.

I thank all the CBOC members for their volunteer work and commitment to this committee and the community we serve. Please visit our website at <https://www.lmsvschools.org/bond/cboc> to find our public meeting schedules and other related information.

Sincerely,

**Jay Steiger, Prop V CBOC Chairperson**

Project Budget Overview						
Project/Bundle	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	Committed Costs	Costs to Date	Remaining Budget
Bundle A	9,119,964	1,536,336	10,656,300	6,284,093	6,245,250	4,372,208
Bundle B	19,094,288	(844,455)	18,249,833	17,197,864	12,655,433	1,051,969
Bundle C	20,157,959	4,101,607	24,259,566	4,435,851	2,001,402	19,823,715
Bundle D	18,821,046	(767,748)	18,053,298	3,423,603	1,429,339	14,629,695
Bundle E	28,493,402	(345,600)	28,147,802	2,101,716	1,262,433	26,046,086
Education Service Center	6,248,616	-	6,248,616	-	-	6,248,616
Energy Efficiency Projects	10,371,056	-	10,371,056	10,371,056	10,371,056	-
Infrastructure Repairs	6,443,179	(4,853,604)	1,589,575	-	-	1,589,575
Playground Improvements	-	4,853,604	4,853,604	693,847	87,882	4,159,757
Security/Fencing	-	832,541	832,541	773,622	773,389	58,919
Ops. Center Trailer Demo	65,253	85,480	150,733	150,733	150,733	-
Portable Building	329,546	(236,890)	92,656	92,656	92,656	-
Program Administration	9,855,692	(2,294,769)	7,560,923	3,274,608	2,496,986	4,286,314
Program Contingency	3,000,000	(1,002,027)	1,997,973	-	-	1,997,973
Program Reserve	4,000,000	-	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,000,000</b>	<b>1,064,475</b>	<b>137,064,476</b>	<b>48,656,543</b>	<b>37,423,453</b>	<b>88,264,827</b>



**Site Improvements – Complete (Bundles A & B)**

School sites received site upgrade work as detailed in the Bond Language including underground sewer/stormwater upgrades; security improvements; ADA accessibility upgrades; and, new marquees enhancing communications with the community. Schools in Bundles A and B include La Mesa Arts Academy; Parkway Health and Science Academy; STEAM Academy; Spring Valley Academy; Casa de Oro; Highlands; Loma; Murdock; and Sweetwater Springs. Site and security improvements are in progress at the District’s Operations Center located next to Spring Valley Academy.



All sites are also receiving new painted exteriors as part of the District funded Major Maintenance program and follows existing district maintenance and facility standards.



Nine new digital marquees are completed; new trash enclosures constructed; new iron and chain link security fencing; accessible gates; pick up and drop off improvements as applicable; and new electronic access controls.



Additionally, new branded signage and decorative panels reflect each school identity.

Notable upgrades include: Extensive sewer/storm drain work at Casa de Oro, Spring Valley Academy and Sweetwater Springs; upgrades and road improvements made to the bus stop/drop off area at Spring Valley Academy; and, a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning cooling tower at Murdock, including a new structure enclosing the mechanical area.



**Playground Improvements**

The District conducted a review of all Playground/Shade Structures across all sites. A determination was made to repair or replace the existing equipment based on the overall condition and budget. Some of these sites will receive new Poured-in-Place Rubber (PIP) foundation. All sites will be overlaid with Turf. Shade structures will be repaired and or replaced as needed. Construction has commenced on a few sites and is scheduled to conclude by the end of 2025. The image above is a before and after example from Highlands Elementary.



**Projects Update (Bundles C, D & E)**



La Mesa Dale Elementary

Bundles C, D, and E project scopes are consistent with the Bundle B projects (infrastructure upgrades, security, landscaping, ADA accessibility, etc.) with a few notable additions.

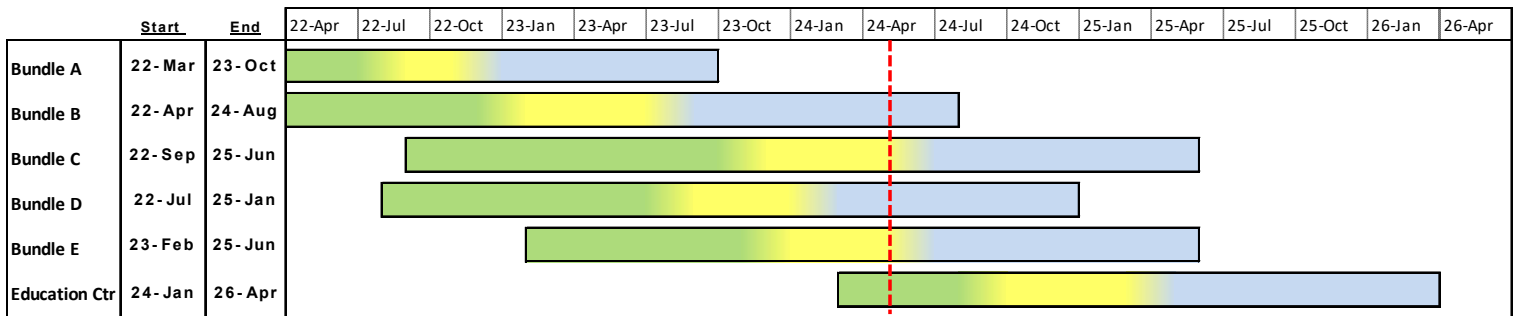
These additions include a new administration building at La Mesa Dale Elementary and at Parkway Health & Science Academy. These relocations of the administration buildings are part of security and access improvements at the school’s entrance. At the time of this report, Bundle C Projects are currently pending approval by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and are scheduled to begin construction in summer 2024.

Construction has commenced on all Bundle D projects. Construction on Bundle E projects is scheduled and will be staggered beginning the summer of 2024 once the DSA approval has been achieved.



Parkway Health & Science

**Program Schedule**



Design
  DSA & Bidding Award
  Construction & Closeout
  Current Date

**CBOC Purpose:**

In compliance with California’s Proposition 39, La Mesa Spring Valley Schools has appointed a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee for the Measure V Bond Program.

Members are appointed to the CBOC by the Board of Trustees for the District as prescribed by Proposition 39 and represent many diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise. Additionally the committee is chartered to provide an independent examination of district bond project planning and spending. This provides the taxpayers and community at large validation that funds are being spent as intended and planned.

**Membership Details:**

Members serve an initial one or two-year term. Members in good standing are eligible for a second or third two-year term. Members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

The Committee shall establish a schedule for the date and time of regular meetings to be held at least three times per year to include an annual organizational meeting.

Member Name	Representation	Organization
<b>Antionette Davis</b>	Parent	Sweetwater Springs Elementary
<b>Jim Long</b>	Business Association	Greater San Diego Association of Realtors
<b>Gerry Saucedo</b>	Member-at-Large	Community Member/Parent
<b>Glen Sparrow</b>	Taxpayers’ Association	San Diego County Taxpayers’ Association (SDCTA)
<b>Jay Steiger</b>	Member-at-Large	Community Member
<b>Dave Suydam</b>	Senior Citizens’ Association	Community Member
<b>Jim Taylor</b>	Member-at-Large	Community Member
<b>Krista Trimlett</b>	Parent	Parent/Guardian/PTA Member

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