



## Why does California need Prop 2?

For too long, California's local public schools have gone without essential repairs and upgrades and our students suffer the consequences. Many schools were built over 70 years ago and 38% of children attend schools that don't meet minimum standards, where they are exposed to dangers like asbestos, mold, unsafe drinking water, and extreme heat.

Prop 2 will make the most urgent repairs and upgrades in our local public schools by authorizing a \$10 billion investment – without raising any taxes or fees – to make sure our students are safe and ready to learn.

## Haven't we passed enough school bonds in recent years?

All funding from previously authorized school bonds has been expended, and the project backlog to repair and construct public schools is long and growing. Every year, more classrooms become outdated or require repairs, as schools struggle to upgrade facilities to meet today's evolving educational needs.

Many schools were built over 70 years ago, are unsafe and face serious structural challenges. Prop 2 will help make essential updates to schools – to fix leaking roofs and malfunctioning bathrooms, and to remove or replace asbestos, mold, lead paint and lead pipes.

Prop 2 contains strict accountability provisions, public disclosure requirements, and independent audits to ensure our schools actually get fixed.

## **Aren't voters being asked to decide too much for school facilities, with both Prop 2 and many other local school bonds on ballots across the state this November?**

California has a successful partnership model between local school districts and the state to share funding for construction and renovation of aging classrooms. Prop 2 will match local bond dollars, allowing that local funding to go farther. Without the necessary revenue from Prop 2, local communities would be on the hook to pay the full cost of vital school upgrades and repairs, requiring additional local taxes to bridge the gap.

## **What is the difference between Prop 13 that narrowly failed in 2020 and today's Prop 2?**

Prop 2 focuses on providing state funding for K-12 and community colleges. Prop 13 (2020) proposed changes to local bonds that could increase local property taxes. Prop 2 does not include such a change to local bonds, and instead only provides state funding to match local school facility dollars. Prop 2 is also supported by many school districts across the state, the California Democratic and Republican parties, and dozens of organizations from all corners of California.

## **Will Prop 2 raise my taxes?**

Prop 2 does not increase state or local taxes. The measure will use existing general fund revenues to make principal and interest payments on the bonds, ensuring that the state prioritizes funding for vital school construction projects

**I heard that Prop 2 does not adequately address the growing inequality with public school funding, with too many resources going directly to wealthy school districts that are already flush with resources.**

Prop 2 will do the greatest good for the most students across California. All school districts are eligible to participate in the School Facility Program if they have aging buildings or lack enough classrooms to educate all students in their community. In reality, Prop 2 is the result of bi-partisan legislative negotiations focused on providing greater support to school districts in disadvantaged communities. The measure provides technical assistance to small school districts and those who have not previously accessed the program. Prop 2 actually increases funding for school districts in communities with more low-income students or lower property values that limit their ability to raise local school facility dollars.

Prop 2 includes new protections for small school districts, to ensure they are able to access the program on their own timeline. It reserves 10% of new construction and modernization funds for small schools.



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