

AUHSD Explores Bond Extension

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Back in May, the Governing Board of the Acalanes Union High School District commissioned a survey of voters in the District to determine support for a no tax rate increase bond measure to be placed on the November 2008 ballot. Results of the telephone survey of just over 400 area registered voters revealed that there was a very good base of support—65% in favor—for a bond extension to raise funds to renovate and improve the facilities at the four high schools in the District, the adult education center in Walnut Creek, and the District office.

As proposed, the bond extension would lengthen the time that taxpayers would pay the same tax by ten or more years, however the tax rate would not increase. If placed on the November ballot, the

bond measure will require 55% of voters to approve for passage.

Based on the District's Facilities Master Plan, the projects to be covered by the bond extension include general projects such as the replacement of aging roofing, the conversion of facilities no longer needed into classroom space, and the creation of a 10-year technology fund. The site specific projects proposed emphasized the need for improving the safety of facilities such as Campolindo High School, which is now fifty years old and in need of modernization

The Governing Board set two dates in July for special Board meetings to adopt a resolution to place a no-tax rate increase bond measure on the Fall ballot. (See School Calendar)