



# Maintaining High-Quality Education with Safe, Modern Schools

Bonita Unified School District (BUSD) is a top-performing K–12 district with state and national recognition for academic achievement and early literacy, preparing students for success in college, careers, and beyond.

## Our San Dimas and La Verne Schools Are Now More than 55 Years Old

While all our schools are well maintained, they were built more than 55 years ago, with some that are 80 to 125 years old. Funding is needed to address the most urgent and basic improvements, such as replacing 40-year-old heating and air conditioning systems that are expensive to repair, repairing leaky roofs, and upgrading more than 55-year-old plumbing systems.

During the first week of school this year, 11 of the district's 13 air conditioning systems failed, leaving students to have to learn in classroom temperatures in the 80s and 90s. Local schools also need to upgrade and expand job-training classrooms to continue to offer pathways to careers such as nursing and healthcare, public safety, digital media, and trades.



## Locally Controlled Funding for Neighborhood Schools

The BUSD Board of Education is exploring all potential revenue options, including placing a local school improvement bond measure on the June 2026 ballot, to keep students safe and maintain high-quality education.

**If approved by local voters, the measure could provide up to \$256 million in school funding to:**

- ◆ Remove hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint
- ◆ Update science labs/classrooms/equipment to help prepare students for in-demand careers in health sciences, technology, and engineering
- ◆ Upgrade school security and fire safety systems, including fire alarms and smoke detectors
- ◆ Repair and upgrade leaky roofs, gas & sewer lines, and deteriorating electrical systems/wiring

The potential measure would cost property owners \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually, for as long as bonds are outstanding. Passing a school improvement bond would also allow the District to qualify for tens of millions in state matching funds that would otherwise go to other school districts.

## Fiscal Accountability and Local Control

By law, any potential school bond measure would have fiscal accountability protections required by Proposition 39, including:

- ✓ All funds remain under local control for BUSD schools, and could not be taken by the County, State, or Federal government
- ✓ No funds could be used for salaries or pensions, including administrators'
- ✓ Citizens' oversight committee, independent audits, and annual public reports of all spending to ensure funds are spent as promised

## We Want to Hear from You!

As we plan for the future of our neighborhood schools, we encourage your thoughts and questions. Please scan the QR code and fill out our online form.



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## BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FAST FACTS & DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



### BEST IN STATE

ranking for the early literacy program  
(California Reading Coalition)



### TOP 9%

of all Unified School Districts in  
California for academic achievement



### NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON

and CA Distinguished School awards  
earned TWICE in the last two years



### 1 OF 15

Unified School Districts in CA to mitigate the  
academic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

Although Bonita Unified School District is proud of our achievements, **our aging facilities**  
need updates to keep up with safety standards and student enrollment.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

### HVAC Systems



Systems are over  
**40 years old** districtwide

### Plumbing Systems



Original systems are  
**50-80 years old**

### Fire Alarm Systems



Upgrades are needed  
at **most school sites**

### Security Cameras



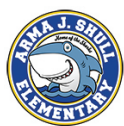
**Only 15%** of schools  
are equipped

### Portable Classrooms

Over **50 years old** districtwide



Elementary Schools **39% portables**



Middle Schools **30% portables**



High Schools **31% portables**

