

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A BOND
ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF
THE ELECTION ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Westminster School District (the “District”) is devoted to maintaining the quality of education in our local public schools by providing classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology; and

WHEREAS, most of our schools were built in the 1950’s and 1960’s and need to be repaired and last year alone, there were 135 classrooms and facilities with leaky roofs;

WHEREAS, some of our schools were built so long ago that they don’t meet modern health codes, building safety codes, or have proper access for students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make essential repairs and improvements so our schools can serve our community well for decades to come, by repairing and replacing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems where needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the District needs to improve student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, intruder protection systems, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the District needs to modernize our classrooms and science labs to meet today’s academic standards and health and safety codes;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, technology, and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, even if community members do not have school-age children, supporting a local bond measure is a wise investment, as good schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the “State”) has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately repair schools and upgrade classrooms to provide an optimal learning environment for all students and District students deserve to have the same educational opportunities as others in the region; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified the most pressing needs in each of the District’s schools to provide safe and modern classroom environments for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help provide funds, that are locally controlled and cannot be redirected by the State, to upgrade aging schools and protect student safety; and

WHEREAS, such measure will keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date and provide classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology; and

WHEREAS, such measure will include a clear system of accountability, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee, annual independent audits, and public disclosure of how all funds are spent; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* property tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond measure; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a comprehensive assessment of school facilities needs through the facility master planning process and identified the most urgent and high-priority facilities needs impacting academic instruction and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities which will improve the safety, health, and quality of education for students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly monitored by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued for school facilities will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and to request the Orange County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Orange County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District, the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$128,000,000 (the “Bonds”) shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits “A” and “B” hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet. The District's Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to this Resolution, the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 3, 2026.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A,” incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 policies of the Board and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits “A” and “B” are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit “B,” evaluated the health, safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational and information technology needs of the District, as well as the importance of the projects to improve student learning in core subjects like math, science, engineering, the arts, music and technology;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit “B” hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens’ Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322. In connection with ordering the election pursuant to the provisions cited above, the District has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the Orange County Assessor that are available to the District.

Section 6. That the Orange Registrar of Voters and the Orange County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 3, 2026 within the District. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Orange County Registrar of Voters no later than August 7, 2026.

Section 8. That the Bonds may be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Orange County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Orange County are requested to permit their Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Orange County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 30th day of July, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTMINSTER
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
Mr. David M. Johnson, President

Attest:

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen, Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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ORANGE COUNTY)

I, Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Westminster School District at the meeting thereof held on the 30th day of July, 2026, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By _____
Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

“To provide safe, modern schools by repairing, upgrading and equipping aging classrooms, labs, instructional technology, and school facilities to support student achievement in math, science, technology, arts and engineering, fixing deteriorated roofs, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems and improving school safety/security systems, shall Westminster School District’s measure authorizing \$128,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$8,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, all money locally-controlled?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Westminster School District.

“To provide safe, modern schools by repairing, upgrading and equipping aging classrooms, labs, instructional technology, and school facilities to support student achievement in math, science, technology, arts and engineering, fixing deteriorated roofs, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems and improving school safety/security systems, shall Westminster School District’s measure authorizing \$128,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$8,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, independent audits, all money locally-controlled? ”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Westminster School District is committed to **maintaining the quality of education** in our local public schools by upgrading aging classrooms and improving student safety by providing safe, secure, **modern classrooms, labs and technology** needed to support high quality instruction in **math, science, engineering, technology**, art, music and career technical education. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, **basic repairs**, computer and information technology in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

This bond includes strict accountability requirements to make sure public funds are used appropriately. These requirements include public disclosure of all spending, independent annual financial and performance audits, and the formation of a committee of local citizens and business owners to ensure all spending is in line with the promises made in the measure. What’s more, by law, all funds must be used to improve our local schools and cannot be taken by Sacramento, the federal government, the County, or anyone else.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District **must:**

- (i) **KEEP computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date; and**
- (ii) **IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY and campus security systems that will protect students and staff in case of an emergency; and**
- (iii) **ENSURE all money raised will stay local to support students; and**
- (iv) **REPAIR or replace deteriorating roofs and plumbing; and**
- (v) **PROVIDE the classrooms, facilities, and technology needed to support high quality instruction; and**

(vi) REQUIRE a transparent system of accountability, including a Project List detailing how money will be used, a citizens' oversight committee and public disclosure of how all funds are spent.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

School Repair and Safety Projects

Goals and Purposes:

Most of our schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s and need to be repaired. Last year alone, there were 135 classrooms and facilities with leaky roofs. It's time to make essential repairs and improvements so our schools can serve our community well for the decades to come.

Some of our schools were built so long ago that they don't meet modern health codes, building safety codes, or have proper access for students with disabilities. We need to fix these issues.

- Upgrade restrooms that were constructed 70 years ago.
- **Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems where needed.**
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms that meet today's academic standards.
- Improve student safety and campus security, systems including security fencing, security cameras, intruder protection systems, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers.

SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MATH, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Projects That Improve Student Success

Goals and Purposes:

If we want our kids to succeed in high school, college and careers, they must be skilled in the use of today's technologies and have a solid background in science, math, engineering and technology. This measure will make this possible.

Even if you do not have school-age children, supporting this school bond is a wise investment. Good schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes.

- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- **Provide the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.**
- Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction and learning-by-doing.
- **Provide modern labs, career technology and equipment so students are prepared for high school, college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.**
- Provide the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school and District support facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair, replace and upgrade electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, electrical generation and financial savings, including solar panels; improve accessibility for students, staff and the public with disabilities; upgrade, repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, gutters, windows, walls, tackboards, floors, sinks, doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations and portable classrooms; construct or renovate offices and facilities for multipurpose and indoor/outdoor learning spaces, more efficient areas for professional development and administration and for the safety of students on campuses; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade, replace, or construct support facilities including central plants, boilers, administrative, central kitchens, child care, physical education, music, art, visual and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, including an art and technology center, science, robotics, computer labs/classrooms, career technical facilities, media centers/libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, shade and rain shelter, playgrounds and play equipment, administrative, transportation and maintenance facilities and yards; acquire modular/portable classrooms; upgrade, repair and replace fire and intrusion alarms and detectors, emergency communications, public address, speaker, and security systems, including security protections on windows; improve facilities to satisfy ADA and seismic requirements; as needed, removal of hazardous materials like asbestos, mold and lead paint from older schools, as needed; improve/resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve walkways, hard courts, turf, tracks, athletic and open fields, irrigation, gutters, and downspout drainage systems and campus landscaping; install and improve signage, way-finding, flagpoles, solar electric systems, gates and fencing; expand parking and improve pick-up and drop-off areas and crosswalks; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, landscaping, floor covering, including carpets, and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems and back-up power generators; improve, construct or replace playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields/stadiums, lockers/locker rooms, field lighting, concessions, bleachers, field houses, gymnasiums, and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; construct or upgrade aquatic

facilities, pools, including pool filtration systems, plaster and decking; repair, install and replace outdated fences, including security fences and security systems (including access control systems, electronic locks and cameras), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade and construct music labs, theatres, multi-purpose and assembly rooms, learning centers and media centers; add or upgrade parking lots and structures, including solar systems and electric vehicle charging stations. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, DSA oversight, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, upgrading, expanding, and acquiring classroom technology, wireless internet access and networks, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, computers, modules, sound projection systems, district-wide computer lab upgrades, interactive boards, cameras, sound projection, information systems, printers, digital white boards, upgrade voice-over-IP, communication systems, enterprise software, licenses and warranties, audio/visual and telecommunications systems, call manager and network security/firewall, Internet connectivity, wireless systems, technology infrastructure, disaster recovery and business continuity infrastructure (secondary sites, backup systems, redundant connectivity), information security systems, such as security monitoring and incident response infrastructure, including logging, SIEM/SOC tools, endpoint security, and data loss prevention and other miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, DATA storage, fiber/copper infrastructure, phones, identity access cards, the creation and upgrading of technology for distance learning, acquire necessary software and the construction and installation of on-premises, cloud-based, or hybrid data center and related infrastructure for District enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable or modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, traffic signals, sewer or utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, road widening, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, permits, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, legal fees and similar planning costs, connection fees, program and project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District bond audits and staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be

expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.

In accordance with Education Code Section 15272, the Board of Trustees will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to ensure that funds are spent only on District projects and for no other purpose. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.

TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE 1

An election will be held in the Westminster School District (the “District”) on November 3, 2026 to authorize the sale of up to \$128,000,000 in general obligation bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is submitted in compliance with Section 9401 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

The following information is provided pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$30.00 per \$100,000 (3.0¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2060-61.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, for each year that bonds are outstanding, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$30.00 per \$100,000 (3.0¢ per \$100) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year the bonds remain outstanding.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$276 million.

Voters should note that these estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County’s official tax rolls. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property’s assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen
Superintendent
Westminster School District