

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Supporters,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well as we settle into another exciting school year. We have been thankful for a smooth start to the new year across our campuses. It has been our pleasure to welcome so many new and returning members of our Sebastopol Union community.

We're writing today to share some important news about an upcoming opportunity to further enhance our schools through Bond Measure N on the November ballot. As always, Sebastopol Union School District is focused on ensuring our facilities offer our children an optimal environment for growing, learning and thriving. In 2020, the District passed Measure E to update schools and modernize our facilities. Although we have made significant improvements on both campuses, there is much more work to be done to meet the needs of our increasing enrollment and aging campuses. Our schools require ongoing modernization, maintenance, and improvements and these needs require significant funds way beyond our school budget.

Bond Measure N is crucial for continuing to improve the quality of education and safe facilities within our district. We are mindful of our community's investment in our schools and take seriously our commitment to regular maintenance. In the past four years we have repaired roofs, painted the exterior of both campuses, updated classroom heating and air systems and introduced solar to both campuses. Now, it is time to replace portable classrooms and buildings that are well past their usable lifespan. This offers us the opportunity to create a nurturing and secure space for our youngest learners to begin their educational journey with an Early Learning Center including new classrooms for preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten, as well as update and expand our before and after school childcare center.

By investing in our schools through Bond Measure N, we can meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards and better our community. We understand that measures like these come with many questions, and we are committed to providing you with all the information you need.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our students. Together, we can make sure that every child in our schools has access to the best possible education in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment.

In partnership,

Superintendent

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