

# NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## School Bond Report 2008/09

School Bond Funds at Work!

Spring 2008/09

Olive Field



The Novato Unified School District Trustees and staff are grateful to the Novato community for your generous support of our ongoing parcel tax and 2001-bond project approval. With your support, we have modernized and provided enhanced programs for students. We have secured tremendous facility and safety improvements in partnership with you.

Bond funds are restricted funds, they can only be used on ballot language expenditures. The Bond Oversight Committee ensures compliance and alignment with ballot language expenditures.

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your continued support of our students, our learning environments, and academic program achievements. We have accomplished these improvements with you as partners. On behalf of the students of Novato, we wish to express our thanks to each of you.

Dr. Jan La Torre-Derby  
Superintendent

### CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Be assured that we Measure A committee members have performed our duties as if you were sitting at the table yourself. In the opinion of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee through actual up-close and personal observation, the funds from the Measure A bonds could not have been better spent.

We feel that the taxpayers of Novato can feel fortunate that they received a tremendous return on their investment in Novato's schools. The revenue from Measure A resulted in not only a well-spent \$107 million in capital improvement projects, but also resulted in the acquisition of an additional \$25 million in matching state grants.

You may ask, how did this benefit me? The benefit is obvious to parents who have children in the school system whenever they attend a school function or a back to school night and see the newly rebuilt classrooms, libraries, computer labs, multipurpose rooms, restrooms, cafeterias, heating systems, lighting and electrical systems. The walkways, pathways and parking areas are now paved instead being mud paths and potholed exhibition sites.

There is also benefit to the citizens who do not have children in school, or who have completed their

schooling. Property values are a direct function of the quality of the local educational system. Ask any real estate agent.

In summary, please judge for yourself. Take a tour of your local school to see what has been done and what still needs to be done. Go to an athletic event and see the new fields. Feel secure that the fees for their use by outside interests will cover the cost of maintenance and replacement in the future.

Remember the money raised by the bond measure was only half of what was needed to bring our schools up to standard. So be sure to support future bond measures.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Meehan,*  
*Chairperson of the COC*

*2008/09 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Members:*

*Tom Meehan, Jason Burt, Paul DeLoria, Scott Raymond,  
Stuart Kennedy and Tom James*

Site-by-site summary of the projects completed to date, as well as projects planned for the near future.

Hamilton Fire Lane



### HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

**Future projects include** playing field renovations, and renovating the current administration/library building into Kindergarten classrooms.

#### 2008

- Fire protection access improvements
- Paving improvements

#### 2001-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Library modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Heating system upgraded
- Paved kindergarten area
- Replaced roofing
- Improved fire alarm & signal system

### LOMA VERDE ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2002-2007

- Playing field renovation
- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Library modernized
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Upgraded electrical system
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Heating system upgraded
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Improved fire alarm & signal system
- Replaced roofing/skylights
- Paved parking area

### LU SUTTON ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

### Lu Sutton Elementary Continued...

#### 2008

- Playing field renovations

#### 2003-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Restroom renovations
- Playing field renovations
- Accessibility improvements
- Upgraded heating system
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Structural repairs
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Improved access for fire protection

### LYNWOOD ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2002-2007

- Playing field renovations
- Classrooms modernized
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Restrooms renovated
- Paved Kindergarten area
- Restrooms renovated
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Replaced roofing/skylights
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Upgraded fire alarm & signal system

### OLIVE ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2008

- Playing field renovations

#### 2002-2006

- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Upgraded heating system
- Improved drainage
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Restrooms renovated
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Replaced roofing
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

### PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2002-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Restroom renovations
- Playing fields renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA) requirements
- Repair and repaint exteriors
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Replaced roofing
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

### RANCHO ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2002-2006

- Replaced roofing
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Structural repairs

### SAN RAMON ELEMENTARY

#### All Projects Completed

#### 2008

- Site accessibility
- Paving of play areas
- Roofing repairs

#### 2002-2006

- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Playing fields renovated
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Replaced roofing

Hill Computer Lab



**HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**All Projects Completed**

**2008**

- Classroom modernization

**2002-2007**

- Classroom modernization
- Restroom renovations
- Replaced roofing
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved parking lot drainage
- Paved parking lots
- Improved access for fire protection
- Repaired and painted exteriors

Hill Library



**SAN JOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**All Projects Completed**

**2002-2006**

- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Classrooms modernized
- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Structural repairs
- Restroom renovations
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Upgraded heating system
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved access for fire protection

***San Jose Middle School Continued...***

- Playing fields renovated
- Replaced covered patio roofing
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

**SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**All Projects Completed**

**2002-2006**

- Classrooms modernized
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Roofing replaced
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Renovated playing fields

**NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL**

**All Projects Completed**

**2008**

- Classroom modernization
- Renovation of Auto Shop to a Film Studio
- Roof replacement

**2002-2007**

- Classroom modernization
- Roof replacement
- Labs modernized
- Installed bleachers
- Installed synthetic turf field and all-weather track facility
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Structural repairs
- Restrooms renovated
- Locker rooms renovated
- Upgraded heating system
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Restrooms renovated
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded electrical system
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Renovated playing fields
- Replaced gymnasium roofing

**SAN MARIN HIGH SCHOOL**

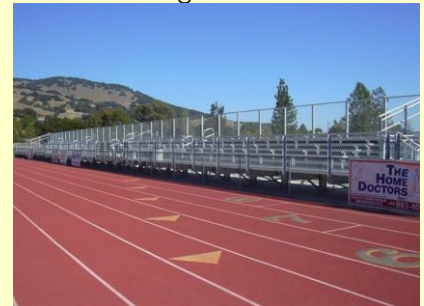
**2008**

- Installation of bleachers

**2002-2007**

- Classrooms, labs modernized
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Restrooms renovated
- Playing fields renovated
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Site accessibility addressed per (ADA) requirements
- Installed synthetic turf field and all-weather track facility
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Renovated playing fields
- Improved exterior lighting
- Upgraded heating system
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

San Marin High Vistor Bleachers



**OTHER PROJECTS**

State law mandates that bond funds be utilized to provide partial funding of the facility needs of our charter school. To date, the obligation has been met for Novato Charter School facility.

Novato High Music Room

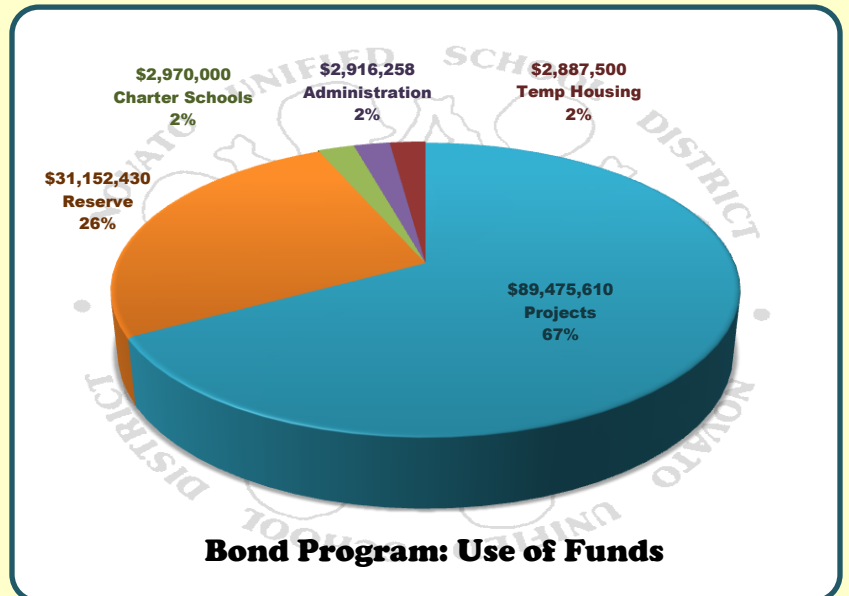
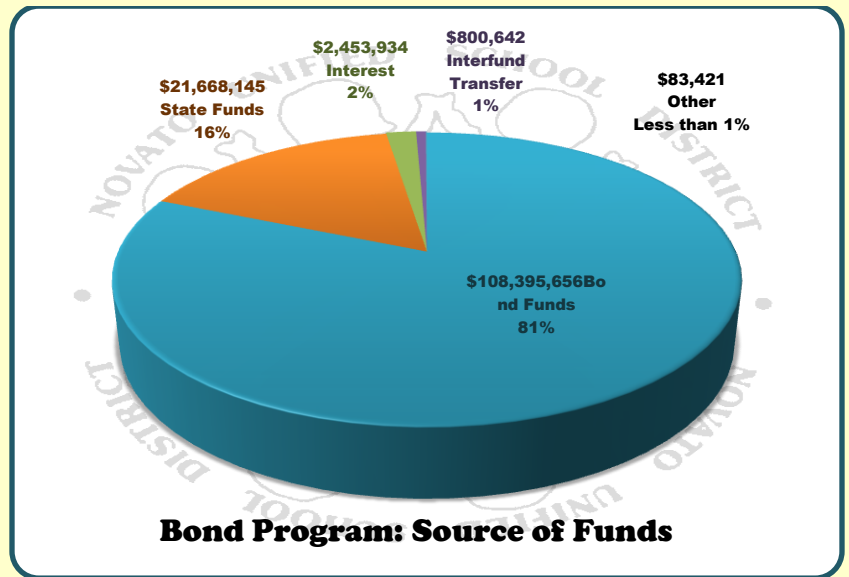


## An Accounting of Your Tax Dollars

The Measure A facility bond approved by Novato voters in 2001 provided \$107 million for the improvement of all school campuses in the Novato Unified School District. State matching funds and interest earnings will provide another \$26 million, resulting in a \$133 million facility program for our schools. To date, about \$85 million of these dollars have been spent.

These funds have been utilized to provide for a variety of repairs, renovations and improvements, most significantly to address health and safety issues and to modernize classrooms. Classroom modernization typically includes the installation of:

- New flooring
- Ceilings and lighting
- Paint and tackable wall surfaces
- Cabinets
- Learning wall, a casework system that includes rolling whiteboards
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (existing)
- Electrical plugs and fire alarm systems
- Computer connection for students and staff



## Citizen's Oversight Committee

A Citizen's Oversight Committee was formed to ensure that tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purposes, and to report annually to the Board of Trustees and the public regarding expenditure of such funds.

The committee is comprised of 10 local community members representing the following groups:

The committee has been meeting and will present their report to the Board of Trustees and the public. Currently there are vacancies on this vital committee, if you're interested in participated, or simply have questions about the Novato school parcel tax, please call:

<b>The Business Community</b>	1 member	<b>North Marin Council of PTA</b>	1 member
<b>Senior Citizens</b>	1 member	<b>Parents</b>	3 members
<b>Local Real Estate Organizations</b>	1 member	<b>At-large</b>	3 members