



Rim of the World USD

March 2020 School Bond Measure

Fact Sheet

Background: As the local provider of pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade education in our mountain community, Rim of the World Unified School District (ROWUSD or Rim) has **two key priorities:** first, to ensure academic success for every student; and second, to make sure that our school campuses are healthy, safe, secure, technologically current, well maintained and equipped to provide students with the *very best* educational setting possible. Adequate facilities and technology are essential to maintaining the quality of education here on the mountain.

FACT: The current state of our classrooms, labs, technology and facilities is adversely impacting teaching and learning. We have identified nearly \$ 75 million in unmet facility needs. District staff work hard to maintain our school facilities and keep them in good working condition with limited resources. However, the reality is that the types of repairs and upgrades that our schools need go beyond the scope and means of regular school maintenance budgets. To address these needs, over the past many months The Rim School Board, Superintendent and district office leadership, have with input from school principals, identified the next set of priority school improvement facilities projects. The end result, including a prudent funding plan, is now headed for the March 2020 ballot.

Measure DEFINED: This measure is a school bond measure on the March 2020 ballot seeking voter authorization for local funding to repair and upgrade Rim USD school facilities. A “YES vote” approves funding for the District’s plan to repair and upgrade schools; a “NO vote” rejects the plan. All voters living within the boundaries of Rim of the World Unified School District who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote on this ballot measure.

Official Ballot Question: “RIM OF THE WORLD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY EDUCATION, SAFETY, REPAIR, COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS MEASURE. To repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical; remove hazardous materials; improve safety/security, labs, classrooms, technology for math, science, engineering, arts, skilled trades/ college/career readiness instruction; renovate, acquire, construct/repair classrooms, facilities, sites/equipment, shall Rim of the World Unified School District’s measure authorizing \$51,500,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 3 cents/ \$100 assessed value (\$3,400,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, with citizen oversight, all funds staying local?”

If voters approve this ballot measure, **it will:**

- **Renovate career-training** classrooms for **today’s** instruction and hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, math and skilled trades
- **Expand** instructional technology and keep computer systems up to date
- **Repair/replace** deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical systems
- **Upgrade** science labs, classrooms and technology to meet rising college/university admission requirements
- **Improve** student safety, security, and access for students with disabilities.

Measure Facts:

- **ALL funds STAY LOCAL** for Rim USD schools ONLY. The State CANNOT take this funding away.
- This measure is for classroom and school facilities improvement, technology and equipment upgrades ONLY.
- NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory financial audits ensure funds are spent properly.
- Passage of the measure qualifies Rim USD for millions in State matching funds when they become available.

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