

# **PREPARING ALISO VIEJO STUDENTS** for the Future

### **CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Aliso Viejo schools have provided high-quality education to local students, and have a longstanding track record of strong academic performance. Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD) staff and teachers remain committed to instructional excellence for our students.

### A PLAN FOR SAFE AND MODERN CLASSROOMS

Aliso Viejo schools were built as many as 30 years ago, and need repairs and upgrades to continue serving our communities for decades to come. Our Aliso Viejo schools have outdated classrooms, science labs and instructional technology that require upgrades in order to meet current academic and safety standards. CUSD conducted a thorough assessment of school facilities serving Aliso Viejo and identified the most urgent and high priority improvements.

### DEDICATED LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

On June 15, CUSD Board of Trustees voted to place a local school improvement bond measure on the November 2022 ballot that could generate up to \$114 million in locally controlled funding to repair and modernize CUSD schools located within the City of Aliso Viejo. This measure would cost homeowners \$44 per \$100,000 of the assessed value (not market value) per year while bonds are outstanding. Funds generated by this local school improvement bond measure would go directly to repair and upgrade the schools serving Aliso Viejo's city boundaries only. If approved by voters residing within the City of Aliso Viejo, a local school improvement bond measure would:

- Upgrade classrooms, science labs and arts facilities to support high-quality instruction in science, technology, engineering, math and the arts
- Modernize labs and career-training facilities that prepare students for careers in areas such as healthcare, biomedical science, computer science, robotics and skilled trades
- Install, repair or replace air conditioning units in classrooms to improve air quality
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, wood and support beams that have termite damage and dry rot, as well as replacing plumbing and failing electrical systems
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health and building safety codes and improve access for students with disabilities
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up to date

### FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIRED

- All funds would stay local in Aliso Viejo to improve schools no funds could be taken by the State or be diverted to other schools within CUSD
- A detailed project list is required for a clear system of accountability
- Independent citizen oversight and audits would be required
- No funds could go to teacher or administrator salaries

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

To share your opinions, priorities or to ask questions, please contact Ryan Burris, Chief Communications and Public Engagement Officer, at rkburris@capousd.org or (949) 234-9427.



The schools serving Aliso Viejo are:

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Don Juan Avila

Canyon Vista

Journey Charter School (at Foxborough

School Site)

Oak Grove

Wood Canyon

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Aliso Viejo Don Juan Avila

#### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

Aliso Niguel

\*Schools listed to receive dedicated local funding PREPARING ALISO VIEJO STUDENTS for the Future

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# **PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Aliso Niguel High School New 2-story classroom building. Modernization of existing pool. Modernization of existing theater.

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Aliso Viejo Middle School New construction of running track. Modernization of existing classrooms (34).

**Don Juan Avila Middle School** New construction of multi-purpose room. Modernization of existing classrooms (26). **Don Juan Avila Elementary School** New construction of play equipment. Modernization of existing classrooms (26).

**Oak Grove Elementary School** New shade structures in Kindergartern play area. Modernization of existing classrooms (23).

**Canyon Vista Elementary School** IT infrastructure upgrade in existing classrooms (32).

**Wood Canyon Elementary** Modernization of existing classrooms (23).