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Dear Community Leader,

It is hard to believe that 14 years have passed since the Measure M school construction and modernization bond was approved by voters.

In that time, the \$150 million bond was leveraged to more than \$330 million using a combination of funds from the State Office of Public School Construction, the Deferred Maintenance Fund, and interest earned.

With those funds, the District built five new schools, numerous multi-purpose rooms, a high school science wing, classroom buildings, lunch shelters, computer labs, playground structures, new and renovated athletic facilities, renovated front offices, and performed major overall renovation at several schools. All 30 schools on the original list benefited from Measure M funding.

Helping to provide oversight for all that work were the dedicated members of the Measure M Citizens' Oversight Committee, community members who made sure that our students got the best the bond could provide. As we look forward to the coming years, we realize that working to keep our schools at the high caliber our community expects must continue. While Measure M has provided much-needed funds, many of our schools are more than 25-years-old and others as old as 60 years. Like repairs needed on an old house, we must continue to replace older plumbing systems and repair roofs. To meet the needs of the 21st century student, we must also keep up with new technology, improved security measures, and new ways of configuring classrooms to meet the changing needs of students. In that effort, we asked the public to provide their input on a community feedback form, and we have been meeting robustly to engage the community, including parents, teachers, staff members, administrators, and community groups to update the District's Facilities Master Plan. The updated plan will be available in early summer.

Thank you for the support of our students and the Measure M Bond, which has now concluded. Enclosed for your enjoyment is a book that details the major projects accomplished with the bond. A DVD on Measure M, created for the State of the District Address in 2014, is included at the back of the book.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Joseph
Superintendent

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