



**2012 ANNUAL REPORT – APRIL 2013**  
**To the ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD of TRUSTEES**  
**From MEASURE A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

<b>District Support</b>		<b>Committee Members</b>	
Eileen Rohan	Superintendent	Benedetto Cico	Chairperson
Bret Joyner	Director of Maintenance & Operations	Stuart Brunet	
George Baranoff	Bond Program Manager	Mark Chedekel	
Jim Cerreta	Business Manager	Conn Hickey	
David Casnocha	Bond Counsel	Trevor Hughes	
Art Arciniega	Bond Administration Coordinator	David Metz	

**INTRODUCTION**

Measure A was approved by the voters in Ross Valley School District (RVSD) to improve our neighborhood schools. Many of our schools were built 50+ years ago; modernization and new buildings are necessary. Measure A required formation of a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) to provide additional assurance that the funds collected under Measure A are spent as the voters had approved in the measure. Measure A specifically authorized RSVD to sell up to **\$41 million** in bonds to fund this work. To date, **\$28.1M** has been sold, **\$5.8M** has been spent on projects through June 30, 2012.

The projects undertaken are described further in this report. Meeting twice a year, this committee reviewed construction plans, budgets, and financial reports. We visited the construction sites during construction and after completion. The committee also requested and confirmed additional information from the auditors that the audit met the requirements of the bond language. This report documents our work and conclusions. For more information I invite you to visit our website: <http://rossvalleyschooldistrict.org> (click on Measure A Bond).

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

***What financial controls are in place to ensure Measure A funds are spent as the voters intended?***  
 Measure A was passed by voters in accordance with an amendment to the California Constitution (Proposition 39). Proposition 39 requires a Citizens Oversight Committee as an independent check that expenditures of Measure A funds are made in accordance with what voters approved in passing Measure A.

***How was the Citizens' Oversight Committee organized?***  
 The Citizens' Oversight Committee was chartered by the RSVD Trustees as required by Proposition 39.

***Why aren't we upgrading all the schools at once?***  
 We are limited to selling the bonds at the rate we can service them, which depends on the economy and property values in our area. In addition, it takes a lot of work to manage the complete construction process and we can only take on so many projects at one time.

---

## FAQs (continued)

### ***Why are we spending more on some schools than others? Why doesn't each school get the same amount?***

The Master Plan for school upgrades is based on the needs of each school to make it safe and comfortable so our children can learn effectively.

## **PROJECT BASED vs. SCHOOL-YEAR ACCOUNTING**

In order to understand the detailed accounting reports, understanding that accounting and audits are done on a fiscal year (school-year accounting) basis whereas project based accounting can span multiple calendar and fiscal years. For example, the current accounting audit did cover the period from July 01, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The projects may have been planned during this period, but most of the construction (and therefore most of the money spent) will take place in the current fiscal year of July 01, 2012 through June 30, 2013. While the audit will cover the period ending on June 30, 2012, it is in the best interest of the COC and the community to look at the costs on a project based accounting method. Project based budget and expenditure reports through October 12, 2012 are contained in this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation performed an independent Fiscal Audit and Performance Audit on June 30, 2011, and concluded that "There were no matters to report." The second Audits were performed June 30, 2012, and released in December 2012, and concluded, "There were no matters to report."

The committee has been impressed with the professionalism, dedication and hard work of the District's Finance, Bond Construction and Maintenance departments.