

S A N T A C L A R A UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 8, 2010

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Re: Grand Jury Report Dated June 11, 2010 – Management Missteps at the Santa Clara Unified School District

Dear Angie M. Cardoza and Members of the Civil Grand Jury:

Management has Stepped Up.

The Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Education received a report of the County Civil Grand Jury on Tuesday, June 15th which was titled, "Management Missteps at the Santa Clara Unified School District." The District appreciates the important role of the Grand Jury, but is disappointed that the Grand Jury would seek to address concerns that were indentified and rectified months ago by the school district itself. Concerns were raised internally long before the Grand Jury became involved and were dealt with aggressively. It is unfortunate that district matters were conveyed to the Grand Jury prematurely.

We realized that there were serious concerns. We uncovered issues and have worked diligently to correct them. Every concern reported to us has been handled in a professional, ethical and humane manner. For example, we have worked with every individual who had been delinquent in his or her payments by helping restructure loans so they could remain in their homes. We have replaced the administrator of the Teacher Mortgage Assistance Program, and we mandated immediate repayment of one loan that should not have been made.

It is important to state that no public or district funds were used in the TMAP, as it is a separate legal entity which was started with a loan from Intel Corporation many years ago. That loan has been repaid, and the TMAP remains self-funded.

The TMAP program sought to assist in attracting and retaining quality teachers in the Santa Clara Unified School District.

Regarding the Grand Jury's concern that Measure J Bond projects have not been implemented in a timely manner, its presupposition that projects will not be complete by the end of 2014 is confounding. It would be like trying to call the pennant winner in July. Our projects are moving along as projected.

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Sincerely

Steve Stavis, Superintendent

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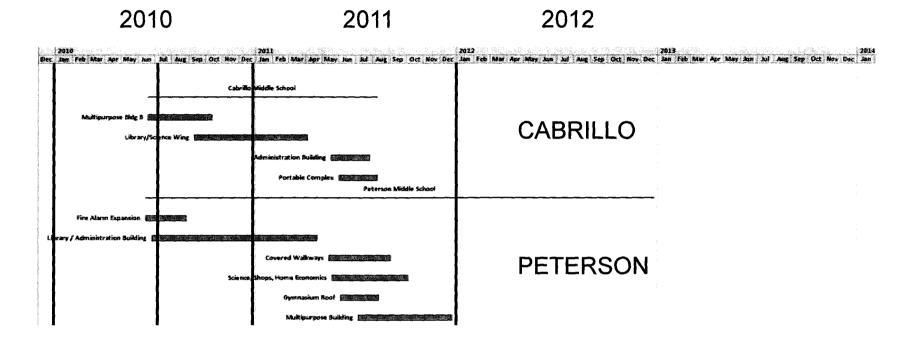
"The mission of Santa Clara Unified School District is to prepare students of all ages and abilities to succeed in an ever-changing world."

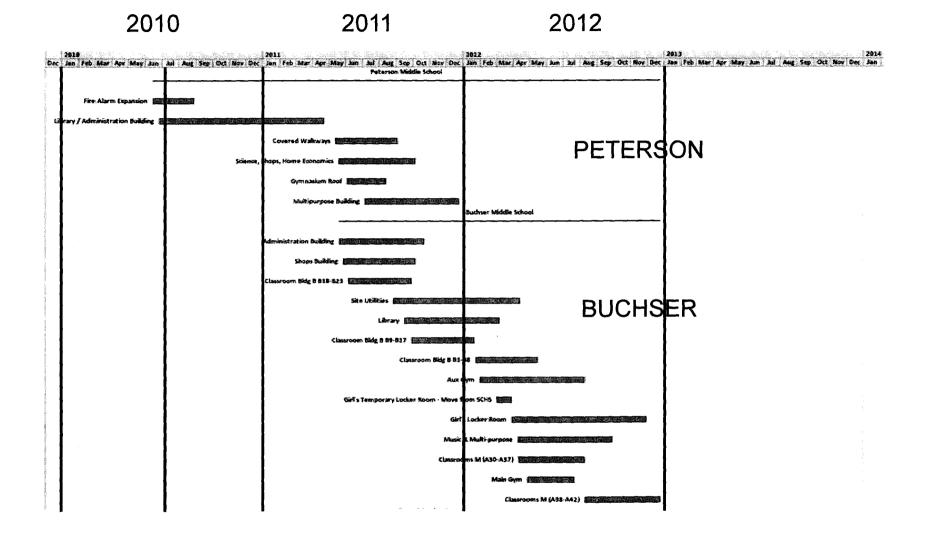


MEASURE J BOND PROGRAM JULY 8, 2010

Funding Snapshot

Total Program Budget		\$ 349,968,000	
Less Commitments			
Expenditures to 6/30/2010	\$ 111,200,000		
Projects in Progress	\$ 27,218,000		
Total Commitments		\$ (138,418,000)	40%
Remaining Program Budget		\$ 240,500,570	
Less Contingency Reserves:			
Program Contingency	\$16,006,774		5%
Escalation	\$ 32,724,000	_	9%
Total Reserves		\$ (48,730,774)	
Projects in Planning and Design		\$ 191,769,796	46%
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