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## **Z School Bond Measure**

To improve the quality of education, repair or replace leaky roofs, modernize/renovate classrooms and restrooms, upgrade inadequate electrical systems, replace aging plumbing systems, and replace temporary portables with classrooms, shall Thermalito Union Elementary School District issue \$4.5 million of bonds at legal interest rates, generating an average of \$277,000 annually while bonds are outstanding at a rate of approximately \$.03 per \$100 assessed value, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight, NO money for salaries and all money staying local?

Bonds—Yes

Bonds-No



### **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Z**

Measure Z, a Thermalito Union Elementary School District (“District”) bond measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to issue \$4.5 million of bonds at legal rates. The primary purpose of the bonds is to finance school facilities projects as specified in the measure.

Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, this measure will become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of the qualified electors voting on this measure.

Education Code section 15100 restricts the use of the proceeds from the bonds sale to items such as building school buildings, improving school grounds, supplying school buildings and grounds with equipment, and acquiring real property for school facilities. In addition, proceeds may only be used for the projects listed in the measure. This measure provides that its proceeds will fund projects outlined in the measure (reproduced in the sample ballot pamphlet) that include, but are not limited to: constructing, modernizing, renovating, replacing and/or expanding outdated classrooms, restrooms and related facilities; repairing or replacing leaky roofs; improving and upgrading technology infrastructure; making mandated Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility upgrades; and repairing, replacing and/or upgrading paved surfaces, turf, grounds, and outdoor areas. Proceeds may not be used for any other purpose such as teacher salaries and other operating expenses.

If 55% of those who vote on the measure vote “yes”, the District will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$4.5 million. Approval of this measure will authorize a levy on the assessed value of taxable property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds each year that the bonds are outstanding.



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The Tax Rate Statement for Measure Z in this sample ballot pamphlet reflects the District's best estimates, based upon currently available data and projections, of the property tax rates required to service the bonds. The best estimate of the tax rate required to be levied to fund the bonds is 3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied starting in fiscal year 2019-20. The final fiscal year in which it is anticipated that the tax will be collected is 2050-51. The best estimate of the total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$9.15 million.

The Board of Trustees ("Board") will appoint a citizens' oversight committee to ensure that the bond proceeds are spent for the projects listed in the measure. The Board will also conduct annual, independent performance and financial audits.

If 55% of those voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail and the District will not be authorized to issue the bonds.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the governing board of the District.

/s/Bruce S. Alpert  
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Z. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call Butte County Elections at 530-538-7761 or 800-894-7761 within Butte County and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure at the following website address: <http://buttevotes.net>



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### TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED \$4.5 MILLION THERMALITO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Thermalito Union Elementary School District (the "District") on November 6, 2018 to authorize the sale of up to \$4.5 million in general obligation bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 (\$30 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which it is anticipated that the tax will be collected is 2050-51.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 (\$30 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply in each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding. It is estimated that such rate would be levied starting in fiscal year 2019-20 and following.
3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$9.15 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.



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The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

By: /s/Gregory Blake  
Superintendent  
Thermalito Union Elementary School District



**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Z**

Every child deserves to learn in quality school facilities. Your YES VOTE on Measure Z will prepare generations of our local students for future success.

Thermalito Union Elementary School District has served our community well for over 120 years. However, our schools have grown old and are overdue for repairs. Much was done with the funds from our successful 2004 school improvement measure, including improving student safety, upgrading playgrounds, and constructing a library/media center but more work is needed. All of our existing facilities need to be brought up to current safety and efficiency standards. Measure Z authorizes funds for needed facility repairs and upgrades to improve student safety, instruction, and learning. Not enough funding currently exists to upgrade these facilities.

If passed, Measure Z will make critical facility improvements to local elementary and middle schools, including; repairing or replacing leaky roofs, upgrading inadequate electrical systems, repairing or replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems, modernizing and renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities, and repairing or replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.



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Thermalito Union Elementary School District is proud of its schools. Measure Z protects academic facilities so our excellent instruction and performance standards can be maintained.

ALL funds stay local. The State CANNOT take this funding away. Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED. NO funds can be spent on administrators' salaries or pensions. Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits ensure funds are spent properly.

Whether or not you have school-age children, protecting our local, high quality education is a wise investment for your property values and a strong community.

VOTE YES on Measure Z.

- /s/Pang Xiong, Former Board Member and Parent/TUESD
- /s/Jaymes Lackey, PTO President/TUESD Parent/Pastor of The Table
- /s/Bruce A. Wristen, Retired Law Enforcement
- /s/Michael Shields, Owner Shields Electric
- /s/Tori Anderson, School Board Member and Parent

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**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z WAS FILED**

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**FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE**

**BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this measure by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the measure, the District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$4.5 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List included below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

**ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)



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**Evaluation of Needs.** The Board of Trustees of the District has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List included below.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** Following approval of this measure, the Board of Trustees will establish an independent citizens' oversight committee, under California Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

**Performance Audits.** The Board of Trustees will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The Board of Trustees will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

**Government Code Accountability Requirements.** As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Butte County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of Trustees of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

**NO TEACHER SALARIES**

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher salaries and other school operating expenses.



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**STATE MATCHING FUNDS**

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

**ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT**

Any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, such as relating to estimated tax rates, the duration of issued bonds and related tax levies and collections are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District.

**BOND PROJECT LIST**

Projects which are described below include all related and incidental costs, including their share of the costs of the election and bond issuance and costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, inspections, site preparation, utilities, and other planning, legal, accounting and similar costs, independent annual financial and performance audits, a customary contingency, and other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects.

The District may alter the scope and nature of any of the specific projects that are described below as required by conditions that arise over time. This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all District sites, including current and future sites.

Whenever specific items are included in the following list, they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to indicate priority for funding or completion. The



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itemization of projects in the list below does not guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources.

The items presented on the following list are the types of projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds.

- Construct, modernize, renovate, replace and/or expand aging and outdated school classrooms, restrooms and related facilities to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century standards, including providing updated furnishings and other equipment to facilitate a modern learning environment
- Provide clean and safe classrooms, and a quality learning environment for current and future students
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Improve, and upgrade technology infrastructure, electrical systems and wiring for computers and Internet access
- Make other basic repairs, including to roofing, plumbing, electrical and sewer systems
- Make health, safety and security improvements to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and to ensure the safety and security of District students, staff and facilities
- Make Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including but not limited to ensuring site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, and playground equipment, as necessary to ensure adequate accommodations are provided and all legal requirements are met
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior to or during construction
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, grounds and outdoor areas, including to eliminate safety hazards and to facilitate outdoor instruction and gathering spaces
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand school site parking, roadways, grounds and other infrastructure such as utility systems, including installing exterior lighting, repairing pathways, walkways, ADA access ramps, and make landscaping improvements including irrigation



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Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; necessary costs of the District incurred by calling and conducting the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by unforeseen conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation, expansion and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto, for said reason or, alternatively, based on other considerations deemed in the best interest of the District by the Governing Board. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. In addition, authorized projects include reimbursements for paid project costs and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes, and including payment and prepayment of lease payments relating to projects and/or equipment previously financed.



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Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with local funds generated by the bond measure. The District may pursue funds from the State of California, if available, to complete certain of the identified facilities projects.

The order in which school facilities projects are listed in the foregoing Bond Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project priorities will be determined by the Governing Board. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

**The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.**