

Tomorrow, March 3, 2020 is Election Day!! If you are a registered voter, please remember to **vote YES on Proposition 13 of 2020** and **MAIL IN your ballot by no later than March 3!**

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For more details, read the message from California State PTA at the bottom of this email, including information on the November ballot measure. **Let's use 2020 as the year to make parents' voices heard at the ballot box, for our children!**

Thank you in advance for voting to speak up for our California kids!

*For any questions, check out the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** below or contact:*

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FAQs for March 3, 2020 - CA Statewide Education Funding Bond Measure

The Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (Proposition 13 of 2020). Will raise \$9 billion for K-12 and \$2 billion for each of California's college systems (UC, CSU, Community Colleges) to construct and modernize school facilities.

Q: Will this school facilities bond affect the amount of my local property taxes?

A: No. While it is called "Prop. 13" as the number on the March 2020 ballot, it does not affect your local property taxes. That Prop. 13 affecting property taxes is the very well-known Prop. 13 from 1978. However, the Prop. 13 bond measure for March 2020 is completely unrelated. There is a numbering process for propositions that resets every 10 years, starting in 1998. It was merely by coincidence that this bond measure received the lucky or unlucky #13!

<https://edsource.org/2019/for-better-or-worse-school-construction-bond-on-march-2020-ballot-will-be-prop-13/619537>

To add even more potential confusion for voters, the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act ballot measure for the November 2020 will close the Corporate Property Tax Loophole in Prop. 13 (1978), while guaranteeing protections for homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

The school facility bond measure, numbered Prop. 13 of 2020 is completely UNRELATED to the Schools and Communities First initiative. It is an education funding BOND measure to construct and modernize school facilities focusing on health and safety concerns.

Q: How will the state allocate Prop. 13 of 2020 bond measure funds across the state?

A: The state will prioritize the neediest school districts with the most health and safety concerns, such as mold, asbestos, seismic risks, lead in water. Other considerations include order of applications, severe overcrowding, the district's tax base, and the proportion of English learners, students on free/reduced meals, and foster youth. The bond revenue would provide matching funds to school districts willing to cover at least 60% of modernization projects and 50% of new construction with local funds.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Editorial-Yes-on-California-Prop-13-15003221.php>

Q: What percentage of YES votes is needed to pass the Prop. 13 of 2020 bond measure?

A: At least 50% of YES votes is needed to pass.

Q: Why is there a need for this bond measure?

A: Both Democrat and Republican lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to put this on the ballot, stressing California's urgent need to modernize its facilities. Academics say that addressing a backlog of those needs would cost about \$117 billion over the next decade. California voters approved a \$9 billion school bond in 2016, but all that money has been accounted for and oversubscribed.

<https://calmatters.org/projects/california-2020-primary-proposition-13-school-facilities-election-voter-guide/>

Q: How does a bond work, as opposed to a tax?

A: Bonds are the government's way of borrowing money long-term in order to raise money for various purposes, such as improving roads, educational facilities, water projects, etc. In this case, the California government would issue bonds in order to borrow money. Investors buy the bonds (thereby giving the people who issued the bond money). California needs to pay back the borrowed money, along with interest, to the investors on a schedule, throughout the duration of the bond.

By contrast, a tax is a compulsory financial charge or some other type of levy imposed upon a taxpayer (an individual or legal entity) by the government in order to fund various public expenditures. In economic terms, taxation transfers wealth from households or businesses to the government.

[https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_\(finance\)](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bond_(finance))

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax>

Q: Curious to learn more?

A: [Ed100](#) is a great resource to learn in detail about how the California education system works. Check out these recent articles on [how the proposed 2020 state budget affects your school](#) and [more detailed info on Prop. 13 of 2020](#).



HELP US SECURE THE FUNDING WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN!

*In 2020, two important school funding measures are facing California voters: the **Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020**, and the **California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020**.*

California State PTA, with its long history of advocating for the improvement of public schools, is supporting both.



*Despite having the fifth-largest economy in the world, California is 41st in the nation in terms of per-student funding, and 40th in percentage of taxable income spent on education. **This is unacceptable – our children deserve better!** More funds must be allocated to revitalize schools and ensure that students get a well-rounded, top-notch education in modern, secure facilities. The billions both of these measures will raise will not only improve the safety and infrastructure of school facilities, but will also allow districts to fund a full curriculum, which includes science and arts education.*

For many of us, it is no surprise that many of our communities lack the necessary funding to improve their facilities and expand their curriculums. Without the necessary funds, California schools are failing to adhere to mandates in such areas as arts education and science learning. By supporting both of these funding measures, however, we support the mission-driven impact we strive for on behalf of all children and families across the state.

TAKE ACTION

***We urge you to support the passage of both these ballot measures.** Doing so will benefit your children, families and communities. Here's a bit on each one, and what you can do to help California State PTA ensure their approval:*

PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12 & COLLEGE HEALTH & SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020



The Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (also known as Proposition 13-2020) will raise \$9 billion for the K-12 system and \$2 billion for each of the three higher education segments (UC, CSU, and Community Colleges) to construct and modernize school facilities. It will appear on the **March 3, 2020** ballot.

We strongly encourage you to vote for this bond measure in March. Click [here](#) to read more about it on the CAPTA website – you'll find a summary of the measure and links to useful documents, including the full text of the measure and the California State PTA Study Committee Report. Click [here](#) to read the press release.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT OF 2020



The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020 (also known as the “split roll” initiative), will raise approximately \$12 billion in annual funds for public education, local governments and community services by reassessing and taxing certain commercial properties at current market value. The initiative will appear on the **November 2020** statewide ballot if it gets enough signatures to qualify by **April 14**.

We urge you to sign the petition, which you can do by clicking [here](#). The campaign is also seeking volunteers to help collect signatures. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Click [here](#) to read more about the initiative on CAPTA's website – you'll find a summary of the initiative, a link to the full text, the fiscal impact report, and many more documents. Click [here](#) to read the press release.