

January 22, 2020

RE: Measure H for the Black Oak Mine Unified School District on the March 3, 2020 ballot

Dear Parent,

Although it appears that our schools are in good shape based on the achievements of our students, our school facilities are aging rapidly and need to be improved to provide 21<sup>st</sup> learning. The average age of schools in the District is over 60 years with Georgetown School, our oldest, first built nearly 75 years ago. The District has made some major classroom and facilities improvements over the last few years, however, additional projects need to be completed. For this reason, the Black Oak Mine Unified School District has placed Measure H on the March 2020 ballot.

In 2006, District voters passed a school improvement measure to modernize, upgrade, and renovate many of our local classrooms and school facilities. Today, we need to finish the job by completing projects and upgrading technology throughout the District. Although well maintained over the years, with recent improvements to some schools, outdated classrooms, infrastructure, and facilities need to be upgraded to meet today's safety, technology and educational standards.

Over the last several months, with input from staff, teachers, parents, community leaders and an architect, the District prepared a School Facilities Needs Analysis. This list identifies the major repairs and upgrades that need to be made. Specific types of projects identified include:

- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Upgrading inadequate electrical systems
- Replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities, and
- Repairing or replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems

The attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) handout is provided to assist you in understanding the facts behind Measure H and how its passage will affect the District, our students and the community. This letter and FAQ handout are provided for your information.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Meyers  
District Superintendent

Bill Drescher  
Board President