

Alpine County Unified School District Talking Points

High-Quality Education in Alpine Schools

- The Alpine County Unified School District (ACUSD) is focused on providing every student with the tools they need to succeed in college and future careers, with the knowledge, abilities and character traits needed to thrive in today's world

Repairs and Upgrades for a Safe, 21st Century Education

- Upgrades and improvements to our aging school facilities at Diamond Valley and Bear Valley Elementary Schools are desperately needed to provide for the health, safety and academic needs of our students
- Repairing and replacing old buildings and aging heating systems, cutting utility bills and other bond-funded projects would save money on utilities that can be used for classroom programs
- Updates are needed to ensure clean drinking water and to protect/house students when sudden weather emergencies occur
- Alpine schools must also update outdated facilities to provide science, technology, engineering and math programs that prepare students for college, vocational jobs and 21st Century careers

Local Funding for Critical School Improvements

- In ACUSD, we are committed to ensuring local students receive a well-rounded, high-quality education in safe, up-to-date facilities
- The ACUSD Governing Board has examined options to complete urgent health and safety improvements at local schools and make improvements to classrooms and other educational facilities to support quality academic instruction
- The Board has placed a school improvement bond measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot to maintain a safe and modern learning environment for all students

A School Improvement Bond Measure Would:

- Repair aging fire safety and electrical systems
- Repair leaking roofs and decaying walls
- Maintain drinking water safety
- Provide accessibility for students with disabilities
- Repair and update outdated classrooms to protect the quality of academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- Upgrade emergency communications systems and create a safe environment for students
- Provide updated school and classroom technology

Strict Fiscal Accountability

- All revenue from a bond measure would benefit Alpine County schools, be controlled locally and could not be taken by the State
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits would ensure funds are spent as promised
- No funds could be spent on administrators' salaries or benefits
- The proposed measure would cost an average of approximately \$28 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) per year to fund \$4.95 million of improvements