

What issues/concerns do you have with Alameda Unified placing a bond measure on the November ballot?

The community has lost trust in their elected officials making the right decisions, aka the fence and the cost to rent the district offices. The power to tax has been abused in the minds of many and those upper income/ expensive homes will choose to send their kids to private schools and vote down a bond. Also the many fixed income seniors will not support it even if allowed to opt out. The hospital parcel tax/ merge with the county health care district may be used as a negative since the parcel tax will be used by the county with less control for an "Alameda" facility. THINGS ARE A CHANGING IN THIS SLEEPY LITTLE TOWN.

How does the development of Alameda Point figure into the master plan? There will need to be schools there, and it seems like the perfect opportunity to build modernized 21st century facilities. I'm concerned about putting millions of dollars into facilities that may be obsolete in the coming years. And some of the costs seem ridiculous--\$20k to build trash enclosures? Many of the items on the list will keep contractors busy, but will provide no real benefit to the school or community, seem to be included only to please lawyers, and cannot be justified through a bond the homeowners will be paying for for years. I will need to be convinced that these upgrades are necessary, should be done now, and that a bond is justified.

Just to comment on the above, I'm under the assumption that current site safety is high. I believe there's a desire to retrofit the old high school site, but I don't know how essential that is. It seems that with SBA and with a greater focus on Project/Problem based learning the focus should be on ed tech. Also, greening the schools is a win/win situation.

It will not pass. I have always supported the parcel taxes in the past, but i have lost faith in the board as a decision making body. My family is very unlikely to support this bond. Never thought i'd say that! i dont like bonds. they make rich people richer and have a negative fiscal impact in the long run. taxes are preferable

I am concerned that there will not be enough support for the bond measure due to taxpayers feeling like they have reached a maximum tipping point on bond costs. There seems to be an issue in the community where people are feeling that they are not seeing enough return for the bond funds that are currently in place. Hopefully the facilities master plan that was done by QKA recently will help alleviate some of the concern and the "burned out on bonds" feeling.

It is also perceived that our schools are really lacking in modern technology and the related classes that are required to remain competitive in the modern era. Not every kid will go to college and there needs to be more technology and training available in our district so those that choose to join the workforce instead of pursuing college can get a decent job and earn a living wage.

I appreciate immensely the effort here to assess preference and to pull in voices that otherwise wouldn't be heard. Thank you.

Have we heard about how Measure A funds have been spent? What curricular improvements might go along with these facilities improvements? Should we consider a cap on the number of students served by AUSD and charters?

do it!

equivalent funding for charter schools, proportional to their enrollment.
That parents can look beyond the needs of their child's school and embrace doing the right thing for the district in its entirety. t

Is there enough time to build a positive message around the final board decision.

I will not vote for bond if it includes money for historic Alameda High. Even if it is retrofitted it will not be "future ready"

My concern is that Trish Spencer will single handedly try to ruin any good this Board tries to do. Trish is the worst thing to ever happen to AUSD.

It is too expensive for homeowners.

burden for people with limited income. previous bond debt which has been rolled over, if that is in fact accurate.

Most of Alameda was left with negative feelings post the last ballot measure for schools. I personally campaigned (with my child in tow) drumming up support for measure A (e? I forget it was ~5yrs ago) and paid for supporting it afterward with multiple reports of waste and stupid spending. There's no way I could get support for another tax increase around here and I'd bet plenty of the same sentiment is all across the island - probably excepting the wealthier Edison and Amelia districts which were rumored to have received the lion's share of that previous measure's funding.

How difficult it will be to pass.

I can't comment on the dollar amounts as I don't know what the order of magnitude of the problem is.

With over \$200 million in identified improvements needed, how will the Board be planning for long term improvements?

Will the proposed improvements be leveraged for the greatest number of students?

Maintaining and improving our neighborhood schools is a critical need. Don't just make mega schools, please

How they will affect each district and in what order .

Alamedans are already taxed very heavily for the schools & hospital

Unless every site is addressed with needs they have identified the bond will not pass. as much as some members perpetuate the east west issue, east will pass the bond, but not unless their needs are also addressed.

Historic is also a problem. Why isn't the city also a partner in making this bond happen? How much of historic upgrade is necessary to get the bond to pass?

I have a pretty negative opinion on the superintendent's ability to spend this money wisely. Given the facility move and the controversy over Measure A, I doubt that I'll be supporting a bond. We'll see how the arguments come together.

The obvious issue is that it won't pass because the vibe is negative toward the school board and the way money is spent.

Many Alamedans are hung over from taxing themselves. Even those supportive of taxing to improve education may not support this next measure.

Tax increases for schools are almost annual in Alameda. I believe that the school district needs to do more to access more money from the state in balanced funding and in reaching for funding to correct historical wrongs for Alameda educational funding. In the alternative, there should be more publicizing of the efforts the school district/AEF are engaged in to address the funding inequalities in state allocations. You need to sell to the people who have stepped up in the past decade that you are doing as much as possible to seek funding, grants, etc.

The local community keeps getting stuck with the bill for things that should be addressed by the state or more creatively by the BOE with grants etc. Another bond won't pass and might just remind another group of parents that if they want to pay for their students' education the private schools already offer more creative environments, more project based learning, smaller classes, etc. And there hasn't been any press or promotion of the success of previous bond measures. So it's always presented to the community as an emergency but then everyone is left wondering if we're just plugging a hole while waiting for the next leak to spring.

Some of the bond money should be used to fix the football/soccer fields at the two local high schools or make one field for both schools to use. Preferably turf, low maintenance.

A bond measure should not be placed. Homeowners are currently paying for multiple bonds. Find ways to cut costs through technology. A lot of lessons are out there on the internet, find the best ones and have aids play these for students and decrease teacher man hours.

doubt it will pass

concerned that AUSD is asking the community to further "upgrade" deteriorating schools, including sites that have had several rounds of seismic upgrades over 5 - 8 decades, rather than focusing on replacement of obsolete facilities

With the current political environment and mistrust of the board and AUSD leadership I do not think it will pass. Too much distrust..and the feeling that all the \$\$ we have approved and it goes to the staff not the kids.

Lack of trust in current superintendent and majority of board members

No issues.

Let's be positive and encourage the cranky voter that these students are the caregivers/professionals that will be caring for them soon! if we're done sending our own kids through school, let's focus on the kids in our neighborhoods!

- chances that it may fail since people tend not to like increases in their tax rate

The teacher contract negotiations were handled badly and were accompanied by big financial rewards for the superintendent the same year. Since that time, there is a climate of distrust for the administration and board of trustees that may impact the proposed bond measure. Otherwise, I think Alamedans do want to plan for the future of the facilities and the November ballot is definitely the best time for a bond measure.

My concerns with the bonds are that we have foolishly spent previous monies raised. A city the size of Alameda should focus on 1 high school, limited to students that reside in Alameda. That school should be brought up to code and offices and classrooms should be exclusively used by the High School (not district admin). Alameda High is recognized nationally, and ranked in top 500 schools. Fix up the historic part of school for use as additional classrooms.

The elementary schools are OK, there are a few too many for fiscal prudence. The middle schools though are in trouble... I think there should be 1 or two middle schools- located at Encinal High and possibly Lincoln. We need to stop pouring money into Wood, it has been failing officially for 5 years, but unofficially much longer.

Sell off the old Island High location (off Park) to generate some more funds.

In my opinion, Alameda High facilities and sports venues (the pool, Thompson field) are in the greatest need of repair/replacement. Lincoln is grossly overcrowded. I have not seen a lot of problems in the elementary schools.

Of course, whether it will pass. Also what will the annual debt service be on a \$180M bond? How will that impact district finances?