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Central Union High School District Board of Trustees Places Education Bond Measure on June Ballot

EL CENTRO, CA – The Central Union High School District Board of Trustees voted on Tuesday night to place a local education bond measure on the June 7, 2016 ballot for voters' consideration.

The Central Union High School District has spent several months conducting a comprehensive review of needs at every school site to identify the specific repairs and upgrades necessary to improve the quality of educational facilities.

Some of the needs include:

- Upgrading and installing school security systems, smoke alarms and sprinklers
- Upgrading classroom earthquake safety standards
- Asbestos and lead paint removal at school sites
- Improving accessibility for disabled students

"Many of our classrooms and school buildings are in need of extensive repairs and upgrades," said Central Union High School Superintendent Renato Montano. "Over the last year, the District has been assessing the school sites needs and priorities. Our District must upgrade classrooms, science and computer labs which will in turn help us to attract and retain quality teachers."

The Central Union High School District serves 4,120 students, grades 9 through 12. The District is made-up of three high schools; Central High School, Southwest High School, Desert Oasis High School and Central Union Adult School.

"The District is committed to improving student achievement and providing a quality education for students to go to college or for those not going to college, learn quality technical skills and be ready to enter the workforce," said Montano.

The proposed measure requires strict fiscal accountability including an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee and annual financial audits.