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Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of our learners, I would like to thank the community of Lindsay for continuing to support our local schools.

We are pleased with the progress made with Measure "L"! Design efforts are well underway. The District's architect has submitted modernization design plans to the State with expected approval by early 2014. In collaboration with our learning facilitators and learners, we are undergoing an exciting planning process to transform our learning environments to support 21st century learning.

A Measure "L" website has been prepared as a community informational resource: [www.lindsaymeasurel.org](http://www.lindsaymeasurel.org). Visitors can peruse information on program news, project updates, and view photos of design and construction activity. A Citizens' Oversight Committee section is also provided including bond language and audits, committee member info, and meeting agendas/minutes, in compliance with Prop. 39 requirements.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find information as to what to expect from Measure "L". I am committed to an open communication process and will continue to keep the community informed. Thank you for supporting our local schools. Please call me at (559) 562-5111 Ext. 5109 with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Rooney  
Superintendent



## Measure “L” Progress Update

In November 2012, voters in the Lindsay Unified School District approved Measure “L”, a \$16 million General Obligation bond authorizing funding to implement the District’s facilities plan in conjunction with State aid. To date, the District has issued approximately \$5 million of Measure “L” bond authorization in order to pay off existing Certificate of Participation (COP) debt, allowing the District to free up additional funds that can be directed toward the classroom.

The District is currently eligible for approximately \$5.57 million in State modernization funding. Under the Financial Hardship program, the State’s contribution would increase to approximately \$9.3 million. Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, and Reagan Elementary Schools are currently eligible to be financed through the State’s hardship program. The program will focus on modernizing existing permanent classrooms and ancillary facilities to these four schools to support the District’s desire to **transform its learning environments** and **support 21st century learning experiences**.

**Design efforts have moved full speed ahead for these schools!** The District’s architect has submitted the design plans to the Division of State Architect (DSA) in October 2013 and anticipates approval by early 2014. Construction timing is dependent on the receipt of State funds.

## 21st Century Learning Environments

Educational programs are evolving to meet 21st century demands. A shift in teaching methods to support project based learning, common core assessments, linked learning, and academies will provide new opportunities for Lindsay learners and learning facilitators to improve educational outcomes. The design of learning spaces should follow a uniform vision for innovation that promotes more effective teaching and learning to foster creativity, investigation, and inquiry.

Modernization improvements will be designed to increase flexibility and collaboration. Movable furniture will allow dynamic group learning opportunities. The facilities will be designed to facilitate the incorporation of modern technology in the classroom (e.g. Wi-Fi, tablets, video, internet) providing less need for storage areas and creating more usable space. Classrooms will be provided with increased natural day lighting and opportunities for outdoor learning areas and collaboration between classes.

A Learning Lab is planned for construction at Kennedy Elementary School to prototype and develop a new instructional paradigm for this new classroom environment. Results of this testing process will be applied to the modernization projects prior to construction.



**Sample Learning Lab  
Design Concepts**

**Please visit the Measure “L” website for progress updates:  
[www.lindsaymeasurel.org](http://www.lindsaymeasurel.org)**