

from Business Services

AUHSD Community Colloquium September 3, 2019

At the January 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting, our Facilities and Maintenance/ Operations Department presented an update on the progress of the Measure H and other facility projects. Whereas there have been amazing projects at many of our sites, when we complete the spending of the \$249 million Measure H bond, we still have over \$1 billion left in facility needs and over \$100 million in outstanding maintenance needs. After discussion at this meeting, the Board of Trustees asked staff to assess the climate of the community for a future bond.

To assess the climate of our community, our Business Services Division planned a Community Colloquium. The Community Colloquium was held on Saturday, August 17th at the Anaheim Convention Center. There were over 320 participants at the event. Participants included students, staff, parents, and community members from across the District. To prepare people for the Colloquium, the day before the Colloquium each of our schools held Facility Walks and invited District Office staff, parents, and community members to reflect on how our facilities support our vision for the Unlimited You for our students.

At the Colloquium participants heard a presentation from our Superintendent regarding the AUHSD vision for the future of education for our students as well as an update from Patricia Neely, our Director of Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction on our progress with Measure H. The Colloquium

participants were asked to respond, first in table groups and then to the larger group, to the following two questions:

- 1. What facilities challenges are raised by the District's educational goals?
- 2. What are the important considerations to think about with a new bond measure?

The answers to these questions were compiled into a Colloquium Consensus Report and participants edited this report until all in the room had consensus as to its contents. The Colloquium Consensus Report will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September 12th Board Meeting. We would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents, and community members who demonstrated their dedication and commitment to AUHSD through being a part of this amazing day.

