SUPERINTENDENT **Bellflower Unified School Board**
June 11, 2026

TO: Board President and Board Members

FROM: Erin M. Simon, Ed.D., Superintendent

SUBJECT: FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0618 ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

SUMMARY:

The District has identified the upgrades needed at each school site through the recent completion of its Facilities Master Plan. The State does not provide funding to address these facilities needs and, accordingly, the District must identify a local funding source. Placing a general obligation bond measure before District voters would provide funding to address the capital projects identified in its Facilities Master Plan if the voters chose to approve it.

At this meeting, the Board will receive a first reading of a proposed Resolution to place a general obligation bond measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot. The Resolution will be brought back for consideration and adoption at the Board's June 18, 2026 meeting. If approved by voters, the measure would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for financing the construction, modernization, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, equipping, furnishing and improvement of school facilities of the District.

The capital projects eligible to be funded from the bond measure are stated in the “Bond Project List” included in the full text of the measure to be presented to voters (Exhibit B to the Resolution). As a unified school district, the District may levy a tax of $60 per $100,000 of assessed value of taxable property within the District to repay bonds. However, the average annual tax rate levied in each year under the measure is projected to be approximately $46 per year per $100,000 of assessed value, which is less than the statutory maximum. The maximum tax rate levied under the measure is estimated to be $49 per $100,00 of assessed value.

Approval of the Resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board (i.e., 4 yes votes of this 5-member Board) is necessary to call an election to place the bond measure on the ballot. Such approval by this Board constitutes a request and order to the County Registrar of Voters to place a District bond measure on the November 2026 ballot.

If the Resolution is adopted at the June 18, 2026 Board meeting, it must be filed with the County by no later than Friday, August 7, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the bond measure by voters would permit the District to issue general obligation bonds up to a maximum principal amount of $335 million, the proceeds of which would be used to improve District facilities as described on the bond project list. The bonds will be repaid from property taxes to be levied within the District and not from the General Fund. The tax rate to repay the bonds is projected to be below the legal limit for unified school districts under the California Education Code, as discussed above.

The costs of the County to conduct the election will be paid from the District's General Fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive the first reading of proposed Resolution No. 2026-0618 Ordering a School Bond Election on November 3, 2026 and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith, with adoption to be considered at the June 18, 2026 Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0618

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER MEASURES OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the mission of the Board of Education ("Board") of the Bellflower Unified School District ("District") in Los Angeles County, California is to build futures for its students by providing a pathway for all students to become responsible, informed, productive citizens who can compete in a diverse world;

WHEREAS, in order to equip every student to be academically and socially prepared to be globally competitive, the District must repair, construct, acquire or equip classrooms, sites, and facilities to make them safe and help ensure that all students have equal access to 21st century classrooms, labs and school facilities;

WHEREAS, some District schools and buildings are over 70 years old, and many schools are in need of upgrades, repairs and improvements to meet modern standards;

WHEREAS, classrooms and educational facilities require updates for improved student learning in subjects like reading, math, science, engineering, arts and technology;

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is a wise investment to protect the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes;

WHEREAS, the District conducted a facility needs assessment to identify facility priorities and has aligned those priorities to the District's educational goals;

WHEREAS, the District cannot rely on the State of California (the "State") to fund school facility improvements and the limited State dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code ("Education Code") and is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to Section 15100 *et seq.* of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution (also known as "Proposition 39"), and Section 15266 of the Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a fifty-five percent (55%) vote of those voting on a proposition for that purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition; and

WHEREAS, a bond measure will benefit the District's local schools only, and no funds may be taken away by the State or other school districts;

WHEREAS, any Proposition 39 local bond measure proposed by the District is legally required to include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that none of the money is spent on school operating expenses such as administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by fifty-five percent (55%) of the votes cast; and

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by Section 15266 of the Education Code, and on November 3, 2026, a statewide general election is scheduled to occur throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15270 of the Education Code, if the measure is approved by the voters, bonds may only be issued if the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements would not exceed sixty dollars ($60) per year per one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of taxable property when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution, and the current estimated and projected average annual tax rate of $45.78 per $100,000 of assessed value is well below permissible levels; and

WHEREAS, the estimated tax rates, duration of tax collection, and total estimated amount of debt service are described in the Tax Rate Statement contained in **Exhibit C** hereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of ballot arguments in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the Bellflower Unified School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to Sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and Section 15266 of the Education Code, an election shall be held within the District on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the full ballot proposition contained in **Exhibit B** ("Full Ballot Text"), which Full Ballot Text is hereby approved.

Section 2. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election; Cost of Election. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") is hereby requested to allow and order the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") to provide for the performance of its duties in accordance with Education Code section 5303, and pursuant to Sections 5303 and 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications. The District will reimburse the County Registrar and the County for costs associated with the election as required by law.

Section 3. Consolidation of Election and Canvass of Vote.

(a) Pursuant to Section 5342 of the Education Code and Section 10400 et seq. of the Elections Code, the election is requested to be consolidated with other elections occurring on November 3, 2026.

(b) The Board of Supervisors is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of the election, as necessary, pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 4. Abbreviation of Proposition/Ballot Label. Pursuant to Sections 13119 and 13247 of the California Elections Code and Section 15122 of the Education Code, the Board hereby directs the County Registrar to use the ballot measure summary ("Ballot Label") that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Ballot Label shall function merely as an abbreviation of the Full Ballot Text and does not stand alone as a complete and binding statement of the measure, nor is it possible for the Ballot Label to contain all of the project and financial information a voter might wish to consider in casting a vote. Voters are urged to review the Full Ballot Text and the Tax Rate Statement to obtain a complete understanding of the measure, including all of the financial projections and estimates upon which the measure is based.

Section 5. Voter Pamphlet/Sample Ballot. The County Registrar is hereby requested to take the following actions with regard to the Voter Information Pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code:

(a) To print the Full Ballot Text (**Exhibit B** hereto), without Exhibit references, in the Voter Information Pamphlet in its entirety. In the event the Full Ballot Text is not reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the County Registrar is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the bond proposition, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

> *"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure ___. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters at _____ and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."*

(b) In accordance with Education Code Section 15122.5, to print in the Voter Information Pamphlet the following statement:

> *"Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Bellflower Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure ___ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure ___. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."*

Section 6. Accountability Measures. Pursuant to legal requirements, and as specified in the Full Ballot Text, the Board certifies that the District:

(a) Has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in the Full Ballot Text;

(b) Will appoint an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List, in accordance with Education Code section 15278 *et seq.*;

(c) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List;

(d) Will conduct or cause to be conducted an annual independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List; and

(e) Shall take all actions to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of the bonds will be deposited, and to cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than each January 1 identifying proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year and the status of any project funded or to be funded with bond proceeds. The first report shall be due no later than January 1 of the first year after which bonds have been issued and proceeds spent.

Section 7. Required Vote. Pursuant to Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least fifty-five percent (55%) of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 8. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered, by no later than the County's requested August 7, 2026, one copy of this Resolution to the County Registrar with the Tax Rate Statement (in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**), completed and signed by the Superintendent or her designee, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

Section 9. Ballot Arguments. The members of the Board are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the County Registrar a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, and/or a rebuttal argument, within the time established by the County Registrar.

Section 10. Further Authorization. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee (each, a "District Representative") are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including, without action of the Board, modification of the Full Ballot Text, the Ballot Label, and Tax Rate Statement if either determines such modifications are necessary and in the District's best interests. This Resolution and all of its Exhibits that are filed with the County Registrar by a District Representative shall constitute the final, binding ballot measure of the District.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Board President

Attest:

By: _____
Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT LABEL

With funds that cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere, shall Bellflower Unified School District's measure to repair/replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical systems; upgrade classrooms, labs and career training facilities; and, improve access for students with disabilities be adopted, authorizing $135 million in bonds levying $49 per $100,000 assessed value ($8 million annually) while outstanding, with legal rates, audits, citizen oversight, no funds for administrator salaries and full disclosure of all spending?

Bonds – Yes _____ Bonds – No _____

EXHIBIT B

FULL BALLOT TEXT

Measure ___
[Letter designation to be assigned by Registrar of Voters]

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Bellflower Unified School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to $135,000,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- The mission of the Board of Education ("Board") of the Bellflower Unified School District ("District") is to build futures for its students by providing a pathway for all students to become responsible, informed, productive citizens who can compete in a diverse world.

- In order to equip every student to be academically and socially prepared to be globally competitive, the District must repair, construct, acquire or equip classrooms, sites, and facilities to make them safe and help ensure that all students have equal access to 21st century classrooms, labs and school facilities.

- Some District schools and buildings are over 70 years old, and many schools need repairs and improvements to meet modern educational standards.

- The District must repair, construct, acquire or equip classrooms, sites, and facilities to make them safe and help ensure that all students have equal access to 21st century classrooms, labs and school facilities.

- Classrooms and educational facilities require updates for improved student learning in subjects like reading and science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) to accommodate 21st century learning methods and support hands-on instruction and learning by doing.

- The Board believes it is a wise investment to protect the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community and the value of our homes.

- The District has conducted a facility needs assessment and aligned facility projects and priorities to the District's educational goals.

- Locally controlled funding from a bond measure will benefit the District's local schools only, and no funds may be taken away by the State or diverted to other school districts.

- The District cannot rely on the State of California (the "State") to fund school facility improvements and the limited State dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.

- The proposed school facility improvement bond measure requires mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that none of the money is spent on school operating expenses such as administrators' salaries or pensions.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education has prepared a comprehensive facilities assessment and planning document (the "Facilities Master Plan") in order to evaluate and address the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board of Education has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall appoint an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board of Education enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board of Education shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Education no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

SECTION III: BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Section III: Bond Project List" comprises the Bond Project List and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available). The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available and, if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, all as listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facilities, including administrative, and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired, including, without limitation, the following schools:

Specific projects to be funded by the bond measure include the following:

A. SCHOOL UPGRADES AND REPAIRS TO KEEP EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, AND IN GOOD CONDITION

- Perform districtwide federal and state-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades, including site access, walkways, parking, staff and student restrooms, replacement or relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, classrooms and facilities

- Construct, renovate, reconfigure and modernize classrooms and school facilities including flooring, ceiling, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint

- Provide modern furniture, casework, storage, equipment and signage for all classrooms and facilities

- Replace, repair, modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems

- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping and the planting of trees, irrigation improvements, and building/installing shade structures and seating

- Construct, renovate and repair restrooms, including TK facilities, and drinking fountains/water bottle refill stations and water filtration systems

- Update schools to improve campus/student safety and security including installing additional fencing and gates, intercom, enhanced camera and emergency communications systems, lighting systems, bell systems, fire and life safety systems, and centralized security monitoring technology and facilities

- Enhance pedestrian access, walkways, lighting, reconfiguring entrances and drop-off/pickup locations, point of entry access and upgrading door locks and hardware

- Repair, replace and improve deteriorating asphalt, concrete, sidewalks, parking lots, driveways and walkways

- Construct, modernize, and equip school cafeterias, kitchens, eating and serving areas

- Demolish and remove or acquire new or modernize outdated portable classrooms and/or facilities or replace with permanent modern facilities

- Renovate, repair, replace, construct and/or install playgrounds, play surfaces, sports fields, gymnasiums, courts, other athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment

- Make health and safety improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements, repairing termite damage and repairing and/or replacing aging building materials including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction

B. FACILITY UPGRADES FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION PROGRAMS

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate or construct science labs, libraries, classrooms, and facilities

- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities, including makerspaces, for college preparation and career training programs

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate or construct classrooms and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in music, dance, visual and performing arts

- Acquire, install and upgrade instructional technology and technology infrastructure

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Education priorities and available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board of Education by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "repair" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Education

has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations. Furthermore, the District may employ a dedicated bond manager for any bond-funded construction project included on the Bond Project List if the Board of Education determines it to be in the best interests of the District.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal, accounting and similar planning costs and professional services; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State Architect (DSA) - related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List, as well as hazardous materials abatement or management of other unforeseen conditions discovered or necessitated by construction projects, are permissible bond expenditures. Land may be acquired for any project, and all projects may be furnished and equipped using bond proceeds to ensure the functionality and usability of facilities and sites constructed or reconstructed with bond proceeds. Bond proceeds may be used to retire any interim funding incurred to advance fund projects described on the Bond Project List.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

The Board of Education hereby declares, and the voters by approving this bond measure (this "Bond Measure") concur, that every section and part of this Bond Measure has independent value, and the Board of Education and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this Bond Measure are severable.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Education pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that the average useful life of bonds sold will not exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average life of the projects being financed or as otherwise provided by federal tax law. Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

EXHIBIT C

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Bellflower Unified School District ("District") on November 3, 2026, to authorize the sale of up to $135 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is $45.78 per $100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2057-58.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is $49.00 per $100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal years 2027-28 through 2051-52.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately $240.9 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Date: _____, 2026

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Erin M. Simon, Ed.D., Superintendent, Bellflower Unified School District