



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Proposition 13 - the California Public Preschool, Kindergarten - 12 and College Health and Safety Bond?**

Proposition 13 is the largest school facilities bond in state history, promoting adequate and equitable school facilities that will provide healthy, safe, and educationally appropriate school infrastructure for our children.

Proposition 13 invests \$15 billion in making California children safer and our school buildings healthy, safe, and conducive to learning. This bond will improve California's public schools across every educational category – including preschool, K-12, higher education, traditional, career technical, and charter schools.

### **Why is Proposition 13 Necessary?**

Safe schools are a fundamental promise to our children. Too many of California's children attend schools that are in disrepair and suffer from unsafe conditions, including poor air quality, mold and asbestos, lack of air conditioning or health centers, and even broken toilets. Some even lack basic school safety measures

According to the UC Berkeley Center, more than half of the state's K-12 public school districts fail to meet minimum industry standards for annual spending on maintenance and operations, or on capital improvements like new roofs.

### **How will this Help California's Neediest Public Schools?**

This measure includes key reforms that ensure school facilities spending is more equitable so funding is invested in districts that need it most.

### **Funds from Proposition 13 will allow California public schools to:**

- Upgrade facilities for earthquakes and other emergencies including emergency communication systems, safety door locks and lighting
- Remove mold, lead paint, asbestos, and other hazardous materials from classrooms
- Modernize job, career and vocational training facilities, including for veterans returning from duty
- Provide space for school nurses and counselors to improve student access to health care and mental health services
- Provide emergency funding to reopen schools following disasters
- Repair aging classrooms, school buildings, and career education facilities
- Repair and replace deteriorating water pipes for clean drinking water

### **Who are Californians for Safe Schools and Healthy Learning?**

Californians for Safe Schools and Healthy Learning is a coalition led by Governor Newsom consisting of educators, public health officials, public safety officials, and Californians committed to fixing our crumbling school infrastructures across California. A full list of coalition members can be found on our website at <https://yesonprop13/coalition-members/>.

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### ***Are there Accountability Measures Built into Proposition 13?***

Proposition 13 requires independent audits and district board hearings to account for taxpayer dollars at all education levels.

### ***What will Proposition 13 do to Help Alleviate the Housing Crisis?***

Proposition 13 incentivizes the immediate development of multi-family housing units in public transit-oriented developments by temporarily suspending commonly levied developer fees for six years. The suspension of developer fees only applies to multi-family housing developments within a half-mile of public transit stops. Multi-family housing projects greater than a half-mile of public transit stops will see a 20% reduction in commonly levied developer fees.

UC and CSU recipients of Proposition 13 funds are also required to adopt a five-year affordable student housing plan to address the student housing crisis.

### ***How is Proposition 13 Different from Proposition 51?***

Proposition 51(2016) was a statewide school bond for improving school facilities. However, funds from Proposition 51 for construction, repair and renovation (modernization) of K-12 schools have been fully claimed. There is already a growing backlog of qualified school projects that will not be funded unless Proposition 13 passes.

Unlike Proposition 51, Proposition 13 will improve California's public schools across every educational category – including preschool, K-12, Community Colleges, CSU, UC, traditional, career technical, and charter schools.

Unique to Proposition 13, this measure includes critical reforms that ensure school facilities spending is more equitable so funding is invested in districts that need it most. Proposition 13 addresses the fact that facilities' challenges are most often found in low-wealth districts, largely attended by low-income communities of color – contributing to the school achievement gap.

### ***How can I/My Organization get Involved in Proposition 13?***

Join Governor Newsom, teachers, nurses, firefighters, and the coalition in support of Proposition 13 by going to our website and filling out our coalition form: <http://yesonprop13.com/#Join>.

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