



Lancaster School District Supporting High Quality Education in our Local Schools

**A Community Conversation
on Local School Needs**

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About Lancaster Schools

- Lancaster School District was founded in 1885
- The District is home to over 14,000 students in grades pre-school through eight
- There are 23 schools in the district:
 - 14 Elementary Schools
 - 7 Middle Schools
 - 2 Alternative Schools



Award-Winning, Fiscally Responsible District

- Our award-winning schools and educational staff have been cited for excellence on multiple occasions
- Fulton & Alsbury Academy of Arts and Engineering is consistently voted the Best in Antelope Valley
- The District is very proud to be good stewards of public dollars
 - We're pleased to have saved local taxpayers more than 2.5 million dollars by refinancing local education bonds to relieve tax burden during the COVID crisis and resulting tough economy
 - The District has an "A+" Standard & Poor's Global credit rating



What is the Situation?

- Many of our schools were built more than 60 years ago, and some of the classrooms, science labs, and facilities at our schools haven't been upgraded in 30 years. It's time to upgrade and repair our schools so they can serve our community well for decades to come.
- Residents have indicated that high quality education in our local schools is a priority. We are always striving to improve and are soliciting community feedback about specific priorities for the Lancaster School District.



How can we maintain high quality education in our local schools?

- Upgrading our schools to meet health codes
- Improving student safety and campus security
- Providing facilities needed to support high quality instruction.



Supporting High Quality Education in our Local Schools

- There are more than 300 portable classrooms at our schools. Many are more than 25 years old and falling apart, including structural damage and water leaks.
- It's expensive to keep repairing these units. We need to replace decaying portables with modern, permanent classrooms.



Strong Schools, Strong Communities

Our schools play an important role in keeping students away from crime and gangs. Supporting our children with excellent schools keeps them safe and focused on learning.





Priorities for Lancaster's Schools Community Feedback

Top Priorities for our schools we've heard so far are:

- Upgrading schools to meet health codes
- Improving student safety and campus security
- Providing facilities needed to support high quality instruction
- Keep technology up to date
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems
- Remove asbestos and lead pipes



What Are Your Priorities For Our Schools?

➤ We want to hear from you on YOUR priorities for Lancaster Schools!



- We're working to get as many community perspectives as possible
- Complete the Community Feedback Form today. Thanks for your help!