

# **BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES** Paradise Unified School District



#### ENSURING WELL-ROUNDED, HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Paradise Unified School District (PUSD) offers quality education for students from elementary to high school in both Paradise and Magalia. Our schools aim to graduate proactive, knowledgeable citizens who are prepared for the modern world. Paradise Unified School District takes this mission seriously; we are continuously evaluating student feedback and test scores to optimize classroom strategies for effective learning.

#### SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND REBUILDING OUR SCHOOLS

While the Camp Fire in 2018 destroyed our schools and devastated our communities, PUSD remains resilient in our rebuilding efforts to ensure a bright and hopeful future for all students. The work we have done includes the construction of new, modernized schools and facilities, but there is still work left to do as our community continues to recover and grow. Paradise Elementary School was completely lost in the fire, and it is now time to rebuild this school to continue serving our community for decades to come.



#### LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

The State does not provide funding for facilities, meaning local schools cannot maintain quality educational programs and schools without a local funding source. That is why the Board of Trustees is considering placing a local school improvement bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. While no final decisions have been made, the tax rate for a potential measure would legally be limited to \$60 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed (not market) value, while bonds are outstanding, and would generate up to \$44 million in locally controlled funding to help:



### Support construction of rebuilding Paradise Elementary School



Repair or replace deteriorating plumbing, leaky roofs and heating and cooling systems



Construct and modernize classrooms/labs and increase student access to computers and technology



Make health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements

#### LOCAL CONTROL AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Any potential school bond measures would be transparent and include strict fiscal accountability provisions. All funds would be used for our local schools only and could not be taken away by the State or used for other purposes. A project list, independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as voters intended.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Planning for the future of our schools is a community-wide endeavor. To learn more or provide input, please visit: tinyurl.com/PUSDPotentialBond or email dmccready@pusdk12.org.