

2016 REFERENDUM

Mustang Pride has fueled our community for generations. We are very grateful for the ongoing support our community continues to provide the Melrose-Mindoro School District. It is these partnerships that allow our students to dream big and strive to change the world, each with their own special talents and ambitions.

In order to continue providing our students with these opportunities, and environments that appropriately support their needs, the District knows it must act soon to update its current facilities. Although the District has worked hard to keep its three campuses well-maintained and operating, each school is in need of a significant investment to update aging infrastructure and address code compliance issues. In addition, operational efficiency improvements are needed to better utilize our staff and resources.

With these challenges present, the District has been working to develop a facilities plan that not only addresses District-wide needs, but also meets the taxpayers' priorities. In 2016, the School Board conducted a District-wide Facilities Assessment to determine needs at each school and to evaluate the option of consolidating the schools to one campus. Additionally, the District also studied other areas of need: energy efficiency issues, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, space needs, staffing travel, and duplication of services.

After careful consideration, and review of the facilities assessment and July 2016 Community Survey results, the School Board unanimously voted to place a \$24,700,000 referendum on the November 8, 2016 ballot to create a consolidated campus and address pressing needs.