



FAQ – Measure T (Facilities Bond Measure)

1. How is Hartnell College doing?

Hartnell College, founded in 1920, is one of the oldest educational institutions in California. Today, it provides excellent academic opportunities and job training right here in the Salinas Valley to nearly 17,000 local students of all ages each year. Hartnell College's accreditation was fully reaffirmed in June 2015 by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

In March of 2016 the Hartnell CCD completed an economic impact study that demonstrated Hartnell's powerful contributions to the economy and return on investments across business and commerce, society, students and taxpayers. The reports can be accessed at <http://www.hartnell.edu/presidents-presentations-communications-and-reports>.

2. How does Hartnell College serve our community?

Hartnell College is a vital part of our community. It provides an accessible, quality higher education throughout the Salinas Valley. Excellent college programs benefit the local economy, providing the training for a skilled workforce and the education the people of the Salinas Valley need for better paying jobs.

3. How would local residents benefit from Measure T?

By improving access to higher education, Hartnell College can help the people of the Salinas Valley earn associate degrees, certificates and four-year degrees to obtain better paying jobs. It is important to improve access to affordable community college, job training programs and quality college facilities in our areas because only 60% of Salinas Valley residents over the age of 25 have earned a high school diploma and only 5-7% of our local Latino population has attained a bachelor's degree or higher.

4. What facility upgrades are needed to continue supporting quality education?

Outdated and aging educational facilities need to be upgraded to meet the growing demand for STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math) and agriculture technology education. By providing new classrooms, science labs, and learning technology throughout the District, we ensure our students are prepared for 21st century success. In addition, we need to improve nursing facilities and programs to expand opportunities and better prepare skilled healthcare workers. To continue providing workforce training, we need to add and expand classrooms and labs on the Main Campus in Salinas, at the Alisal Campus in East Salinas, in South Monterey County and in North Monterey County to improve job skills, language literacy and digital literacy to prepare students for 21st century jobs.

5. How is the College planning to address these facility needs?

To continue providing a quality higher education that prepares students for 21st century jobs, the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees voted to place a \$167 million bond measure on the November 2016 ballot.

6. What projects would Measure T accomplish?

- Expand access to local higher education on the Main Campus in Salinas, at the Alisal Campus in East Salinas, in South Monterey County and in North Monterey County
- Add classrooms and labs for better paying job training, a skilled workforce and higher literacy rates
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Improve nursing and skilled healthcare facilities and programs
- Expand access to agriculture, science, technology, engineering and math labs throughout the district
- Provide space for universities to offer four-year bachelor's degrees at Hartnell
- Expand facilities for serving military veterans
- Renovate and modernize outdated and aging classrooms, labs and student support facilities
- Make health, safety and handicapped accessibility improvements
- Make energy efficiency and sustainability improvements (e.g. solar energy, water conservation)

7. How could I be sure funds from Measure T would be spent wisely?

A potential funding measure would require fiscal accountability provisions including:

- Every penny raised by a potential measure would be spent right here in the Salinas Valley to improve our local college – no funds could be taken by the State.
- By law, no funds could be used for administrators' salaries
- Independent citizens' oversight, annual audits and public reports would be required
- A potential funding measure would cost local property owners no more than \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value

8. Has Hartnell College passed bonds before?

Yes: in 2002, local voters approved Measure H. These funds have been used to make campus improvements including the new Library and Learning Resource Center, new Student Services Center, and new STEM Center Building at the Main Campus; the Center for Advanced Technology and the Technical Training Building at the Alisal Campus. Additional facilities expansion and modernization is needed to provide students with the technology and resources needed to succeed in the 21st-century.

In December of 2015 the Hartnell CCD refinanced some of the Measure H bond measure that was passed by the voters in 2002. This refinancing saved the taxpayers \$175 million. See <http://www.hartnell.edu/news/hartnell-community-college-district-saves-taxpayers-175-million>.

9. When could I vote on Measure T?

Measure T will be on the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election Ballot for Monterey County.

10. How much would Measure T cost?

The tax rate for Measure T is \$19.85 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value per year or about \$1.67 per month per \$100,000 of assessed value. For a home with assessed value of \$300,000 this will be about \$5.00 per month. This rate will generate approximately \$167 million to help ensure that Hartnell has world-class facilities to meet the learning needs of its students.

11. How many votes does it need to pass?

Measure T must be supported by 55% of people who vote on it in order to pass.

12. How do I find out more information?

To find out more about Hartnell College's facilities needs and how Measure T will address those needs, please contact Willard Lewallen, Superintendent/President at wlewallen@hartnell.edu or 831.755.6900.