



UPLANDS & DISTRICT OFFICE PLANS



Measure 3-628 would fund the re-purposing of Uplands Elementary into administrative offices and community use space. The following Q & A answers some of the most common questions we have received around this plan.

How is the District currently using Uplands Elementary?

Uplands is currently being used as a “swing site” to house students from other schools during bond construction. Uplands will continue to be used as an elementary school for at least the next four years. Once the district is done with bond construction, Uplands will transition to a consolidated administration building, community spaces and the playground and fields will be upgraded and available for community use.

Why is the District looking to relocate its administrative offices?

Right now, LOSD’s administrative departments are scattered across five different locations, including leased space at Marylhurst University. Those leases are paid from the **general fund**—the same fund that supports classroom staffing and programs. By moving into a **district-owned facility**, LOSD can **eliminate long-term lease costs** and redirect more resources back into schools.

What is the proposed solution?

The District’s preferred plan is to **repurpose the existing Uplands building** after the completion of the elementary bond projects (approximately in 2030 or later) for administrative offices at an estimated cost of **\$5.8 million**.

- This approach does **not increase the building’s footprint** or add new construction.
- It provides a **cost-effective, long-term home** for district operations.
- The **remainder of the Uplands site will remain open for community use**, such as meetings and recreational activities on upgraded playgrounds and fields.



How does the proposed solution compare to other options?

A bond development group made up of community members and district leaders examined multiple options.

OPTION	ESTIMATED COST	SUMMARY
Close Lake Grove, update and reopen Uplands as a school, and build a new administration facility	~\$60 million	Would require redrawing school boundaries and building a new office facility. The improvements to Uplands would not include seismic safety or expansion of learning spaces.
Replace Lake Grove Elementary and repurpose Uplands for administration (recommended)	~\$70.8 million	\$65 million for a new Lake Grove school + \$5.8 million to remodel Uplands for administration.
Lease a portion of Lake Grove property	< \$1 million revenue	Could apply to either scenario

What happens if the bond doesn't pass? Will the district go out with a different one?

This is the third and final bond in a plan to keep costs manageable for taxpayers without raising taxes. If the bond doesn't pass, essential safety, security, seismic, and school replacement projects won't happen, leaving aging buildings at risk of failure and more expensive fixes later. Any decision to go out for a future bond would be determined by the LO school board and there is no guarantee on when that would happen nor the projects contained in the bond proposal.

What's the bottom line?

Rebuilding Lake Grove on its current site will create a safe, modern, and resilient school to serve the community for generations to come. By repurposing the existing Uplands building for district offices, LOSD can consolidate operations, eliminate lease costs, and redirect annual savings back into classrooms where they belong.