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that empowers each student to thrive in an ever changing world."*

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Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Has Successful First Bond Sale from Measure J Authorization

Fairfield, CA – September 15, 2016: The Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District recently issued the first series of bonds from Measure J, the District's successful June 2016 bond election. The sale was a great success, with an estimated \$84 million sold at near historic low interest rates.

The Measure J Bonds were approved by 56.76% of local voters, authorizing the sale of up to \$249 million in general obligation bonds. The purpose of Measure J is to upgrade, modernize and construct classrooms, science labs and libraries; improve student access to technology; repair leaky roofs, outdated electrical and plumbing systems; and improve safety, security, and access for students with disabilities.

The bonds were sold by competitive sale, which is similar to an auction. The District received eight bids from different investment banking firms which ranged from 2.80% to 2.90%, indicating tremendous demand to buy FSUSD bonds. The winning True Interest Cost of 2.801417% was submitted by Citigroup Global Markets Inc., while the second best bid of 2.836678% was submitted by Morgan Stanley. After a slight restructuring, the final True Interest Cost for the financing decreased to 2.793097%, remarkably low interest rates for the District and property taxpayers.

Superintendent Corey stated, "Fairfield-Suisun USD has a history of being responsible fiscal stewards of our taxpayers' dollars. We were able to lock in near historic low interest rates on our bonds."

A part of the sale process involved getting a credit rating on the District's bonds. The District received the highest credit rating available "AAA" from Fitch Ratings, and a very strong "Aa2" rating from Moody's Investors Service, which helped to contribute to the low interest rates.

The financing of the bonds was unanimously approved by the District Board of Trustees on August 11th.

Board President Honeychurch added, "The big winners with our first Measure J sale are local students who will benefit tremendously with upgraded classrooms and schools. We are pleased that our local property taxpayers are getting incredibly low rates on their investment."

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