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from the office of Superintendent Robert Collins



Six new Career Tech Facilities will be built on the Chaparral campus (left) while multipurpose rooms will replace woodshops converted into theaters (right)

## “ . . . And Just How Important Was My Vote?”

### PROP U - GROSSMONT UNION HIGH

**\$417M BONDS (Required 55%)**

**Total Number of Precincts 383**

**Precincts Reporting 383 100.0 %**

#### Final Vote Totals

**Total Votes 171,811**

**BONDS - YES 97,337 56.65%**

**BONDS - NO 74,474 43.35%**

County Registrar of Voters

In Minnesota, less than 200 votes now separate the Republican and Democratic candidates for the United States Senate. The vote in GUHSD was not that close, but it was close. **In the end, Proposition U passed by 1.65% above the necessary 55%. Proposition U passed by 2,841 votes.**

***It was close enough for everyone to know that every vote counted.*** Every telephone call made prior to the election counted, while every endorsement and campaign contribution made a difference for the children and families of East County.

That difference is not just for current students. It will be felt 25, 30, and 40 years from now. It will affect generations of students, parents and communities. It will also have a profound and positive effect on the value of our communities and businesses throughout East County.

As Superintendent, I want to personally thank everyone who contributed so much of their time to the success of Proposition U. Each of you made a difference for decades to come in the Grossmont Union High School District.

On behalf of the District, its teachers, administrators, classified staff and students, we also want to thank each voter who cast an affirmative vote for the future of GUHSD and East County. Together, we will work to build a newer Grossmont.

## East County Voters Say YES to a New Vision for GUHSD & Goodbye to Aging Facilities of the Past



Old bungalows from the 1930s (left) will be replaced with modern buildings, while aging industrial arts facilities (right) will be renovated into modern Career Tech Academies

In February 2008, we painted a new vision for GUHSD schools. That vision had several components necessary to return GUHSD to a “Lighthouse District” in the State of California. It included the renovation of classrooms not envisioned in Proposition H, ensuring that all students have access to the most modern technology in a safe learning environment. It recognized that every subject area was important, including physical education facilities. This vision also included a new commitment to the arts with multipurpose, band and choral facilities as part of each high school and their communities.

The centerpiece of the new bond though, was the renovation of former industrial arts and Regional Occupational Program (ROP) classrooms into modern facilities that could support multiple Career Tech pathways for post-secondary opportunities. Our vision was to have the Grossmont Union High School District be ***the model for Career Tech Education in the State of California***, a goal substantially reached by our Regional Occupational Program. This goal demanded the development of ***30 new Career Tech Pathways districtwide***. These pathways will represent industry sectors that are reflective of San Diego County business. They will combine with our current career-technical education programs to provide powerful opportunities that will prepare students for college or post-secondary experiences and a career. In a difficult fiscal time, our East County Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Supervisor Dianne Jacob, and numerous business and civic leaders supported a new bond to accomplish this goal. The vision translated to: All students will graduate from GUHSD schools, ***“College Ready and Career Prepared.”***

The voters understood the need for, as well as the tremendous positive economic impact, this new bond will have on the economy of East County. In the coming weeks and months, we will thank everyone who provided such great support to GUHSD. That includes the administrators, teachers, union members and community leaders who for weeks manned phone banks, or contributed financially, and whose endorsement meant so much to the passage of Proposition U.