

CBOC Annual Report 2020-2021 - Measure G Bond Program



CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT - 2020-2021

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Community Members,

As Chair of the Newark Unified School District's Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), it is my pleasure to present the 9th Annual Report of the Measure G Bond Program for the Newark Unified School District.

The Bond provides a local school construction funding source approved by Newark voters in November 2011. The CBOC's responsibility is to actively review and report on the District's expenditures of taxpayer money, as they were approved by voters. The purpose of the CBOC Annual Report is to inform the regarding the expenditures and use of Measure G Bond proceeds.

Voters approved \$63 million in Bond authority for the Measure G Bond Program, in an effort to provide quality education in Newark schools, provide safe and modern schools, and qualify for matching funds for those initiatives. In the past six (7) years, the District planned, designed and constructed projects to update aging facilities to meet earthquake, fire and safety standards, improve access for students with disabilities, remove asbestos, lead and hazardous materials, and increase energy and operational efficiencies to maximize funding for instructional programs. Today, these efforts continue with additional projects being planned.

The CBOC is currently made up of four (4) members. This committee meets on a quarterly basis to monitor the progress of Measure G projects. The meetings are open to the public and the schedule for the meetings, along with other pertinent information about the committee and the Measure G Bond Program, can be found on the District's website at: <http://www.newarkunified.org/CBOC>.

Based on the CBOC's review and observations for this year, and except for the Fact Findings and Concerns identified, CBOC members find that the NUSD is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the California Constitution and that funds are being used for the purposes specified in the ballot language.

Sincerely,

Richard Watters
March 28, 2022

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August 2018 - Present

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August 2019 - Present

Adam Modzeleski

December 2016 - Present

Cindy Parks

August 2020 - Present

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THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE CBOC

The shared vision of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and the Newark Unified School District is to build and maintain schools that promote the full development of children, are educationally and environmentally sound and enhance surrounding neighborhoods positively.

The mission of the CBOC is to oversee program and project expenditures for the construction, repair, and modernization of schools in accordance with California law and as required by Bond Measure G ballot language.

The Committee is charged with the responsibility to communicate its findings and recommendations to the District and the public as it reviews the information provided to ensure that the bond funds, as authorized by the local voters through Measure G, are expended per ballot language and in a wise and efficient manner.

BOND SYNOPSIS

In November 2011, Newark citizens voted to pass Measure G, a \$63 million general obligation bond, to assist with capital improvements at 12 of the 13 Newark Unified School District school campuses. The Bond funds were approved to address safety and health concerns of the children at each of the 12 school sites and would help improve the children's learning environment through construction, repair and renovation of building sites, and technology infrastructure.

GENERAL PROGRAM SCOPE

The program scope includes construction projects for replacement of deteriorated roof systems, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning units (HVAC), including the Energy Management System (EMS) and Asphalt Concrete Pavement at the Hardcourt Play Areas. In addition, projects addressing technology, safety, and security with upgrades for access compliance, security cameras and public address systems.

The extent of improvements will vary based on the needs of each site.

CBOC ACTIVITIES

In the financial year 2020-2021, the CBOC had four (4) regularly scheduled meetings and two (2) special meetings.

During the financial year, the CBOC reviewed the quarterly financial and project reports and asked questions on matters, when clarification was needed.

FACTS, FINDINGS AND CONCERNS

1. The School District must make an effort to actively recruit community members (Repeat concern from 2019-20).

The CBOC is supposed to be a committee of at least seven (7) members but has fluctuated between three (3) to six (6) members in any given year. The committee also is missing representation from a member of a senior citizen's organization and bona fide taxpayers' association. The committee suggests a district-wide email, flyers at the schools, and that it be mentioned at every District meeting until each category has been represented. An incomplete committee does not allow for the CBOC to conduct meetings and negatively affects the entire Newark population to be represented as it should be.

2. Facility Master Plan (Repeat concern from 2019-20).

Measure G bond money provided 98% of the funding for the Aedis Master Facility Plan. The process of developing the plan had included facilities not identified in bond language and included an effort to justify the need for a future bond. The final payment to Aedis was issued before the final plan was provided to the district. The Board has never publicly accepted/adopted the final Aedis plan.

4. The District continues to operate without a specific deferred maintenance plan (Repeat concern from 2019-20).

The committee is concerned that the district has not developed a deferred maintenance plan. The committee was informed that the Aedis Master Facility Plan has deferred maintenance embedded in the report which has not ever been accepted/adopted by the Board. In the Aedis plan is unclear what was determined to be deferred maintenance versus replacement or new construction.

5. Security Concerns (Repeat concern from 2019-20).

Electronic Key System. First, the committee is concerned about individual school site safety if a key card is obtained by an intruder or active shooter. Individual sites do not have the ability to access the key lock software from their location to disable the key cards. The committee never received an update.

NJHS Gates. The committee noted that the call box outside the main gate is not ADA compliant, and the committee notified the Director of Facilities and district administration of the error. To date, this item has not been corrected.

MEASURE G BOND SALE

Sale	Amount	True Interest Cost
Series A	\$15,000,000	3.89%
Series B	\$30,000,000	4.31%
Series B Premium ¹	\$359,252	
Series C	\$18,000,000	2.53%
Series C Premium ²	*\$10,748	
Interest	*\$1,090,0852	
Total	*\$64,396,096	

¹ Includes a \$10,748 transfer to the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.

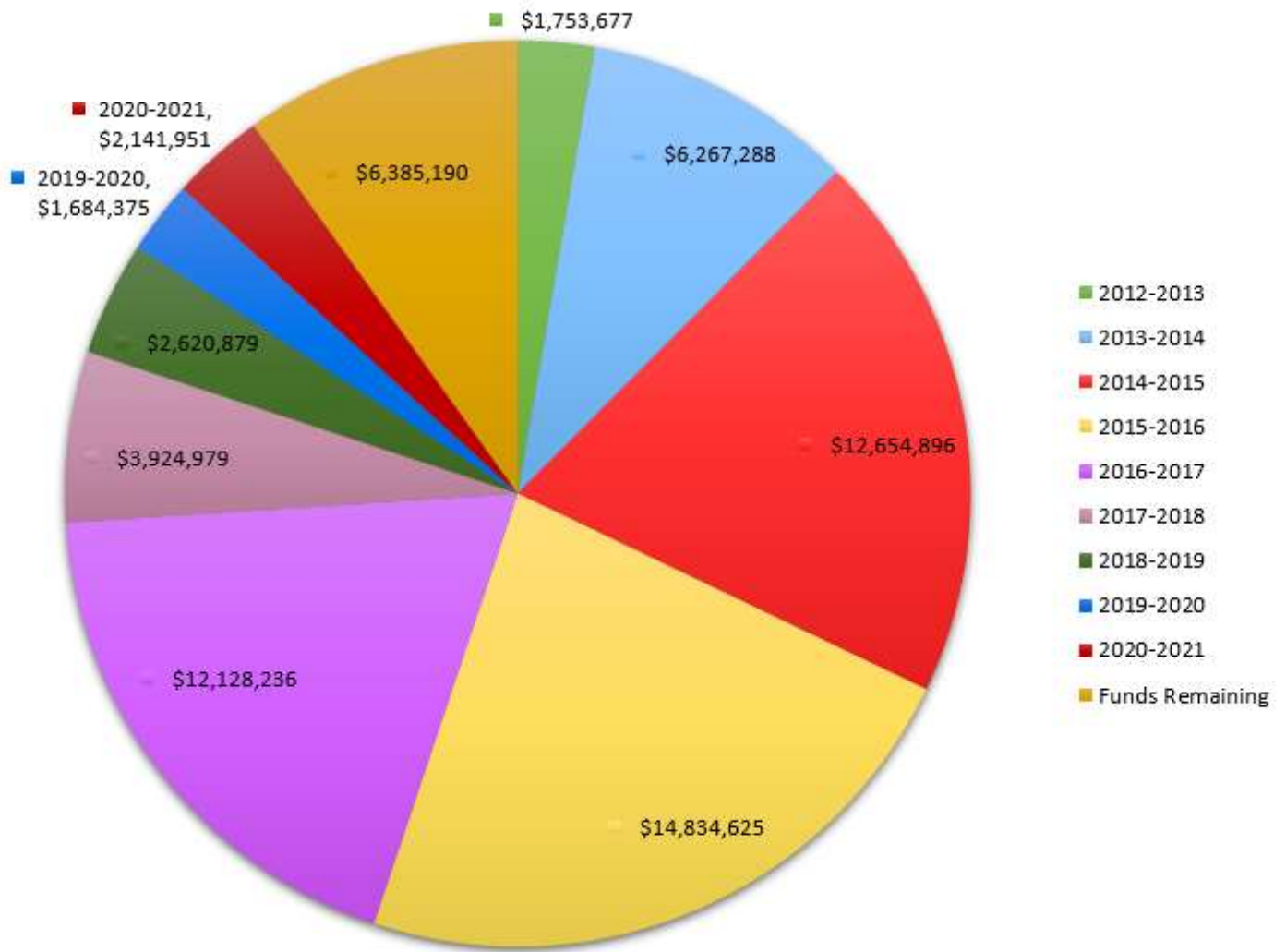
² Includes a \$1,539,636 transfer to the Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.

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EXPENDITURES BY FINANCIAL YEAR

Year	Amount
2012-2013	\$1,753,677
2013-2014	\$6,267,288
2014-2015	\$12,654,896
2015-2016	\$14,834,625
2016-2017	\$12,128,236
2017-2018	\$3,924,979
2018-2019	\$2,620,879
2019-2020	\$1,684,375
2020-2021	\$2,141,951
Fund Remaining	\$6,385,190
Total	\$64,396,096

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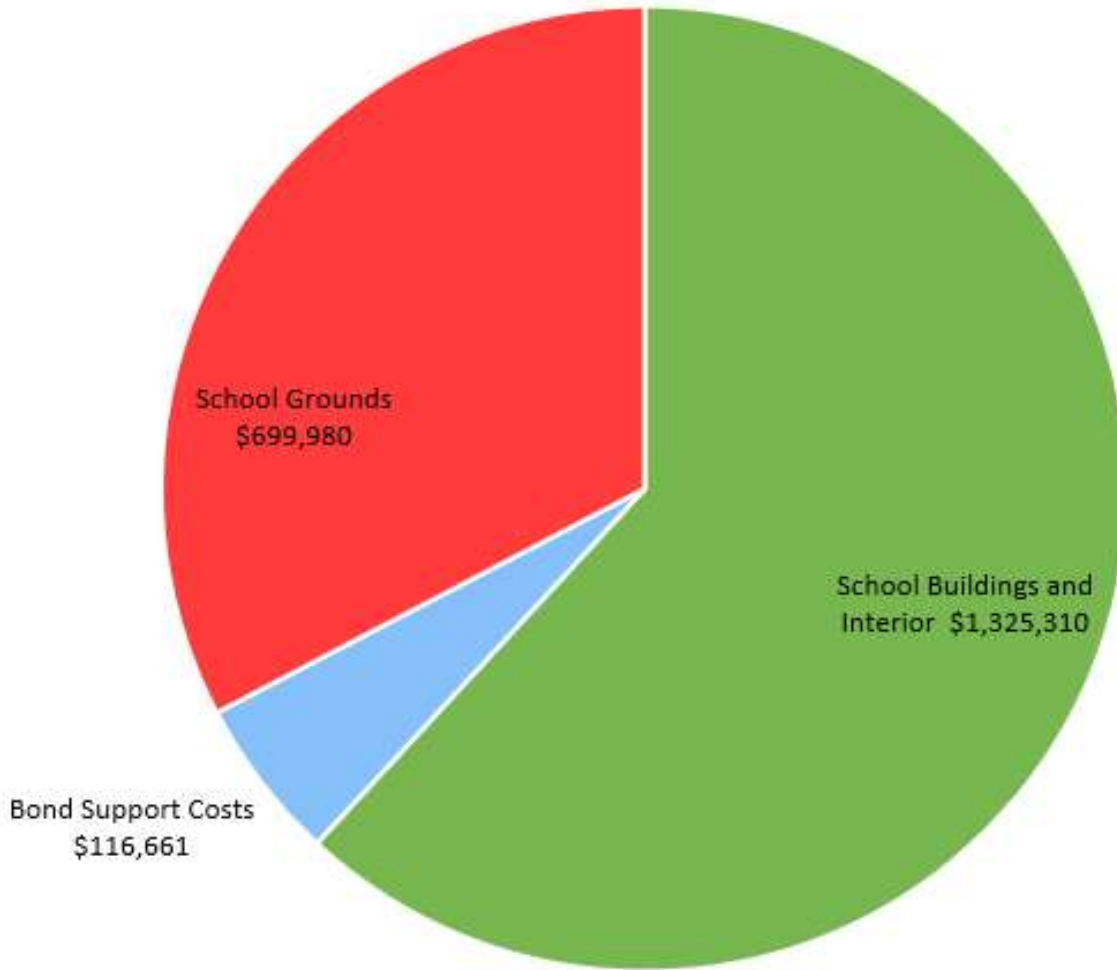


EXPENDITURES 2020-2021

CATEGORIES

Bond Support Costs	\$116,661
School Buildings and Interior	\$1,325,310
School Grounds	\$699,980
Total	\$2,141,951

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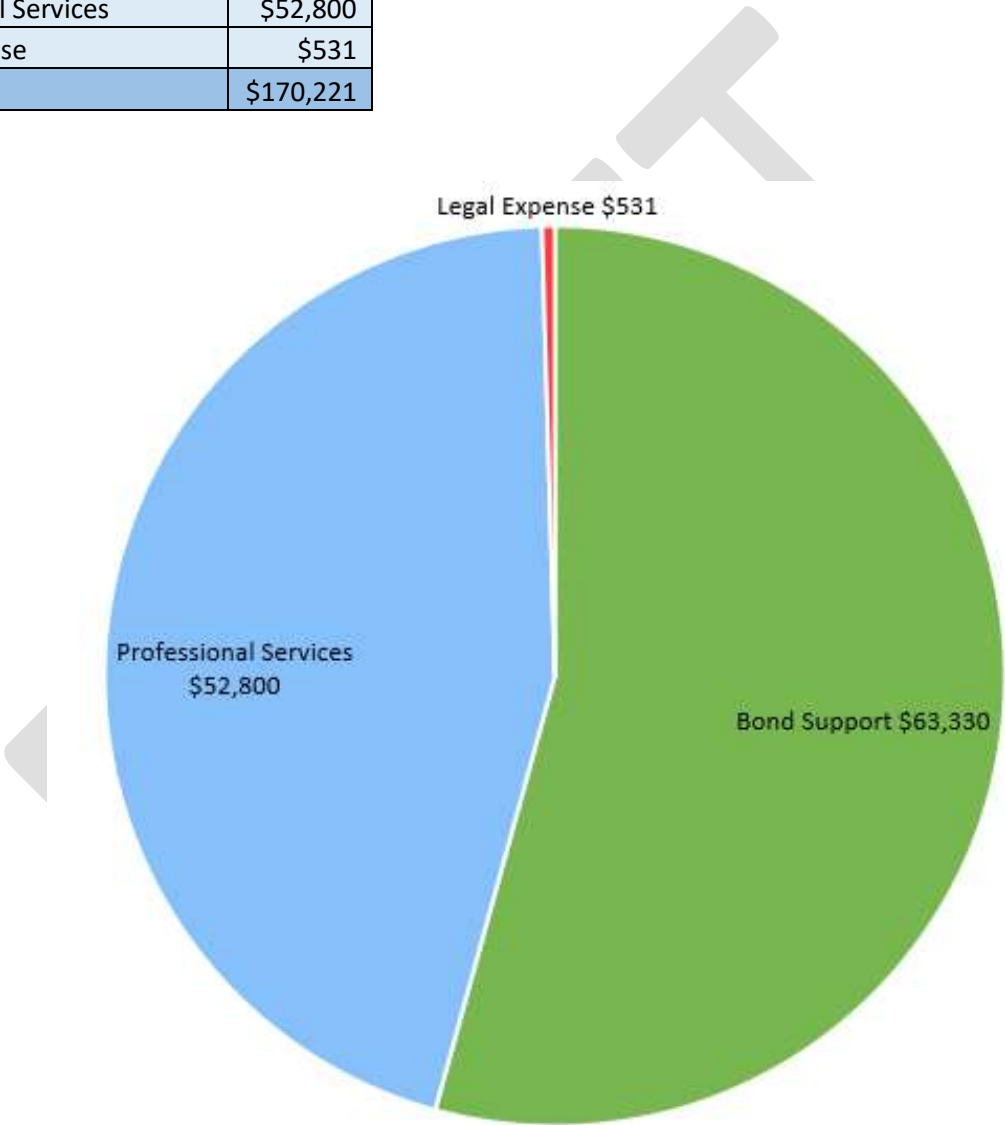


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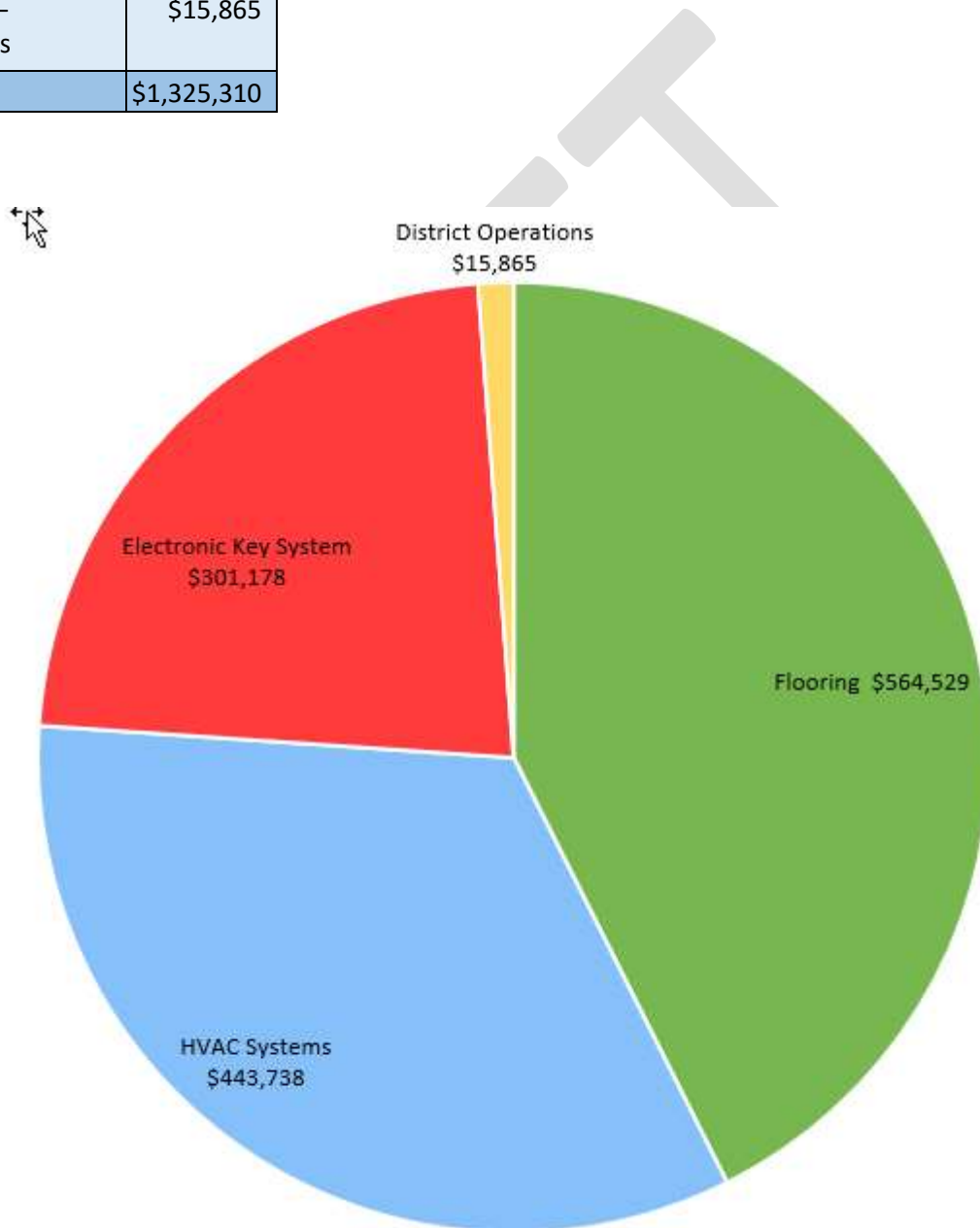
1. BOND SUPPORT COSTS

Bond Program Support	\$63,330
Professional Services	\$52,800
Legal Expense	\$531
Total	\$170,221



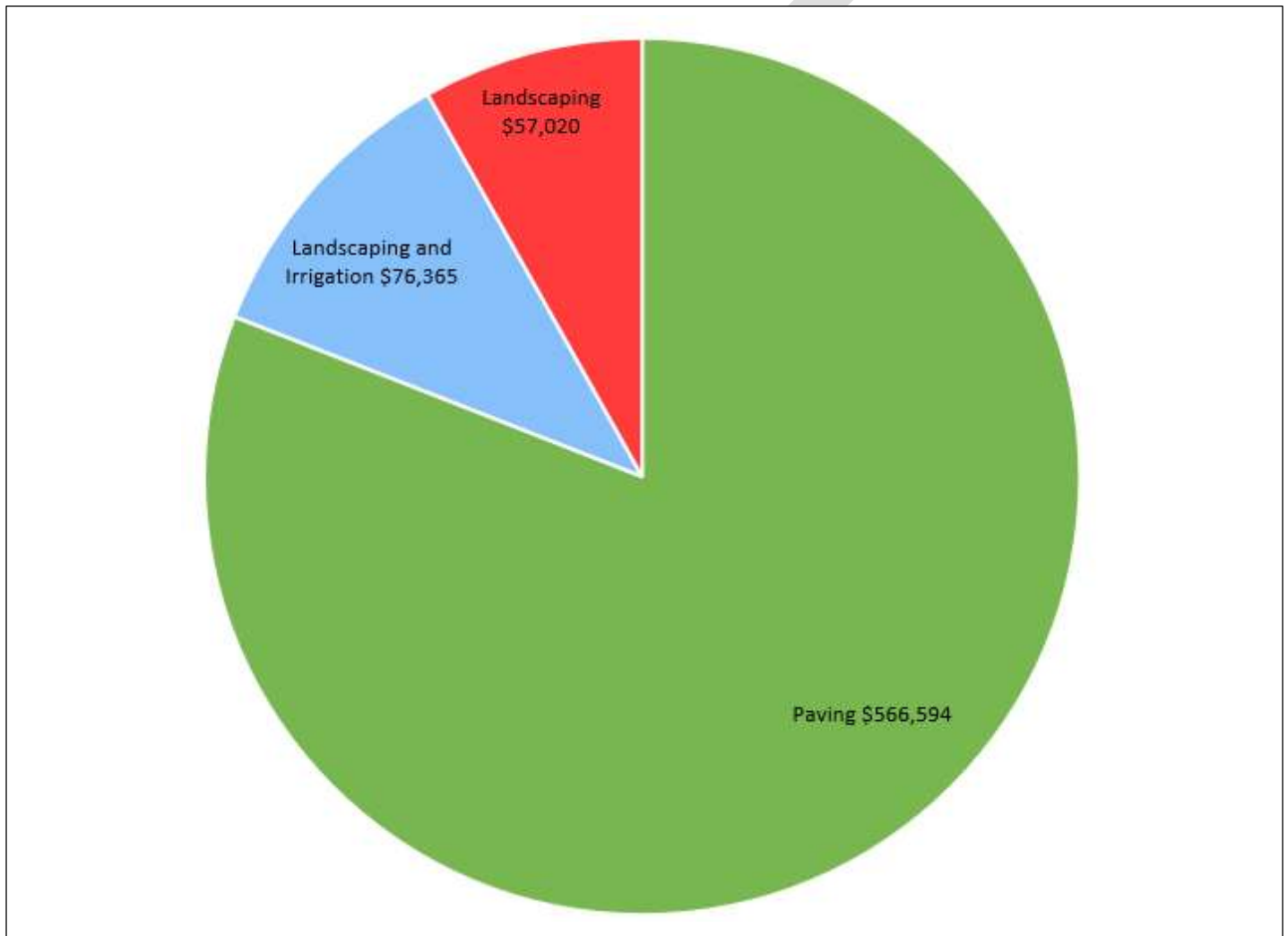
2. SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND INTERIOR

Flooring	\$564,529
HVAC Systems	\$443,738
Electronic Key Systems	\$301,178
District Operations – Professional Services	\$15,865
Total	\$1,325,310



3. SCHOOL GROUNDS

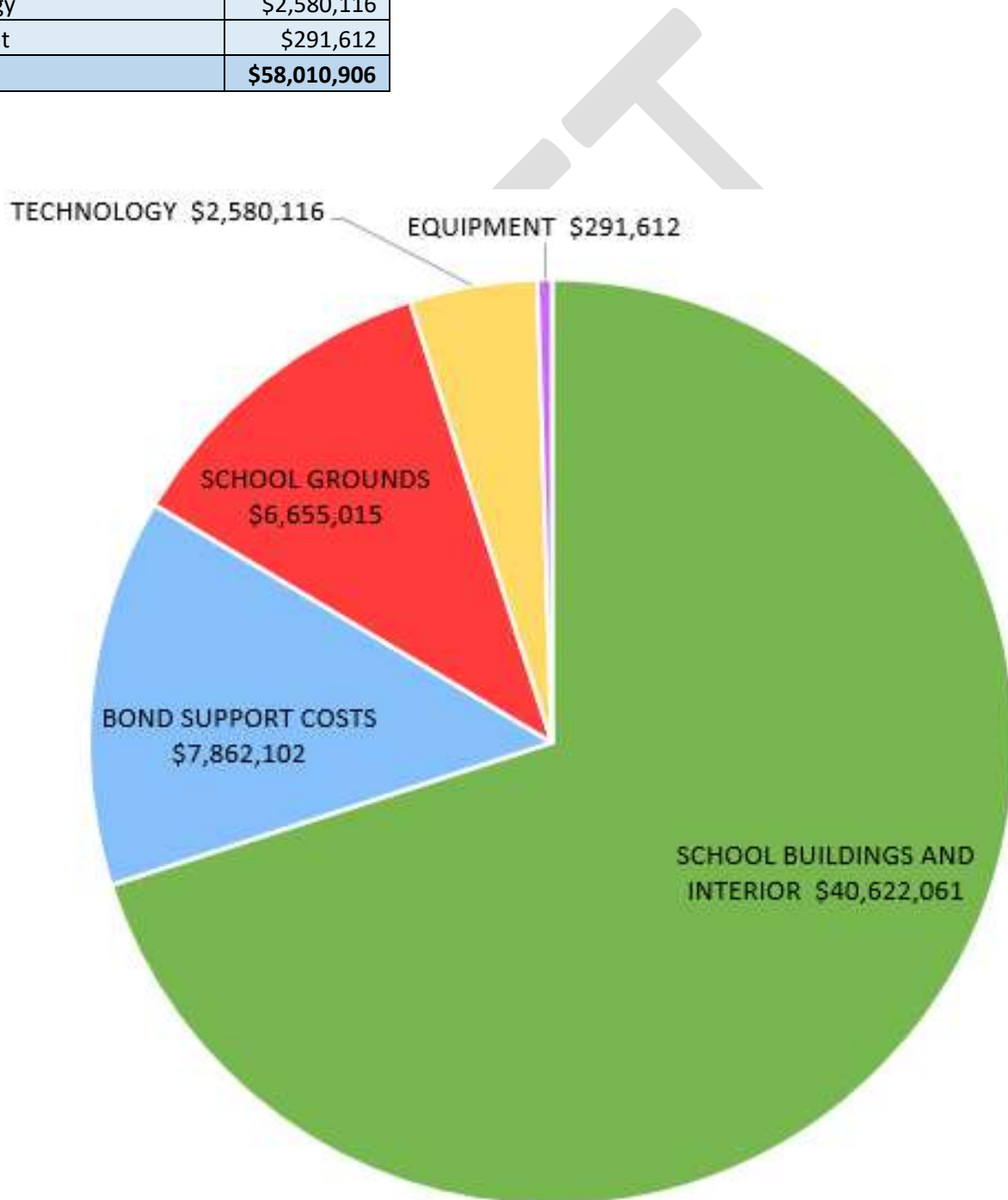
Paving	\$566,594
Landscaping & Irrigation	\$76,365
Landscaping	\$57,020
Total	\$699,980



CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2021

1. BY CATEGORY

School Buildings and Interior	\$40,622,061
Bond Support Costs	\$7,862,102
School Grounds	\$6,655,015
Technology	\$2,580,116
Equipment	\$291,612
Total	\$58,010,906



2. BY SCHOOL - CUMULATIVE

Expenditures by Location

