

Argument in Favor of Measure A

Vote Yes on A to help our students return to safe and healthy in-person learning as soon as possible.

Many schools are over 50 years old and need essential repairs and improvements to continue to serve our students for decades to come.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, upgrades are needed to protect student and teacher health and safety, including upgrades to classrooms to allow for sanitization, social distancing and safe in-person learning.

Measure A funds can only be used to improve local schools and cannot be taken by the State. Yes on A helps our schools qualify for millions in state matching funds that will otherwise go to schools in other communities.

Voting Yes on A will:

- Upgrade classrooms and school facilities for safe in-person learning so students can return to school
- Add new handwashing/sanitizing stations and replace drinking fountains for safe drinking water
- Improve student safety and campus security
- Upgrade inefficient heating and ventilation systems for better air circulation
- Update job training facilities and equipment to prepare graduates for good jobs and to compete in a challenging job market

Measure A requires strict accountability including a detailed project list, Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory independent audits. By law, no funds can be used for administrators' salaries or pensions.

Measure A takes advantage of low interest rates and construction costs to repair and upgrade local schools at a lower cost. It will also create good local jobs and pump millions into our local economy.

Even if you do not have school-age children, supporting local schools is a wise investment and protects our property values.

Please join parents, teachers, seniors, elected leaders and business leaders and vote Yes on A for safe and healthy schools!

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