

Official Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure A

The Palo Alto Unified School District needs improved and expanded facilities. The opposition fails to offer any plan to solve our facilities needs.

- **Voting YES** invests in better learning environments for students of today and tomorrow.
- Voting no abandons PAUSD taxpayers' long history of supporting and improving schools and rejects similar bond financing approved by voters in over 80 Northern California districts since 2000.
- **Voting YES** improves older buildings and provides facilities to accommodate student enrollment growth, up from 8,807 to over 11,172 since the last bond.
- Voting no ignores these realities.
- **Voting YES** will NOT raise tax rates.
- Voting no will not raise property values.
- **Voting YES** will authorize an INDEPENDENT oversight committee, for which State Law (1) prohibits employees, vendors, or consultants from serving, (2) requires members from taxpayer, business, and senior organizations, and (3) requires public meetings to oversee performance and finances.
- Voting no rejects locally controlled dollars.
- **Voting YES** authorizes the improvements on the Bond Project List, with ongoing input at televised public meetings.
- Voting no ignores the improvements needed by students and teachers.
- **Voting YES** means energy efficiency and saved costs.
- Voting no means utility, technology and maintenance costs eat away from classroom support.
- **Voting YES** agrees with teachers, parents, community leaders, businesses, and the League of Women Voters who support Measure A.
- Voting no supports an unsubstantiated boilerplate attack—the non-resident signer filed virtually a duplicate opposition to a different bond in a nearby district for this election.

Please vote YES on A!

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