

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

Cypress has a tradition of supporting quality education. The success of our neighborhood elementary schools is due, in large part, to our exceptional teachers, quality education programs and the support our schools receive from parents and community.

But Cypress elementary schools have grown old and outdated, and aging school facilities are now threatening the local quality of education. All of these schools are over 40 years old. After decades of constant use they are deteriorating and desperately need to be rehabilitated and modernized.

Forty-year old roofs leak. Classrooms are outdated and do not meet current fire and safety codes. Safety systems are defective. Electrical capacity, lighting, heating and ventilation systems are inefficient and costly to operate.

Parents, teachers, residents and school staff have participated in evaluating school facilities and developing the Measure M Plan to rehabilitate our aging schools.

Measure M will:

- Renovate classrooms, libraries, and school facilities to meet current fire and safety codes
- Replace faulty fire safety and emergency equipment
- Upgrade educational technology, teaching tools and equipment to enhance instruction
- Replace aging roofs, electrical, plumbing, lighting, heating and ventilation systems
- Improve energy efficiency to reduce operating costs and save money
- Upgrade building exteriors, walkways and grounds to improve access/safety/security

Measure M REQUIRES taxpayer protections. NO funds can be used for administrators' salaries. Every dollar must go into school facility upgrades. Independent Citizens' Oversight and annual audits are MANDATORY to ensure the money is spent properly.

ALL Measure M funds will stay in our community to benefit Cypress elementary schools.

This is a smart investment. Good schools protect property values. Good schools are the foundation of a quality community.

Parents, teachers, senior citizens, community leaders, and residents throughout our community urge your support.

Please VOTE YES on M.

s/ Cindy Clack
Parent

s/ Marsha Ahn
Teacher, Morris & Vessels Schools

s/ Darrell Essex
Retired City Manager, 45-year Resident

s/ Carol Erbe
Principal, Cawthon School

s/ Larry Boberg
Businessman, 44-year Resident

No argument against this measure was submitted.