

## Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure I

The opponents ignore these important facts:

**Fact #1:** Santa Ana Unified School District is Orange County's largest school district, with 60 school sites, serving almost 50,000 students.

**Fact #2:** 70% of new jobs will require science, computer, math, and engineering skills. Measure I not only repairs aging schools, many of which were built over 40 years ago, but also upgrades them with state-of-the-art, laboratories and equipment, giving Santa Ana students an advantage in the competitive job market.

**Fact #3:** Measure I builds on 20 years of successful efforts and funds the next phase of improvements. We already replaced 580 deteriorating portable classrooms with permanent classrooms, modernized 1,319 classrooms at 34 schools and built two high schools. The independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits confirmed funds were spent properly.

**Fact #4:** SAUSD used local bonds to qualify for millions in state matching dollars that would have gone to other school districts. For every \$1 from local taxpayers, SAUSD secured \$3 in matching funds.

**Fact #5:** Measure I qualifies SAUSD for \$62 million in state matching funds and costs the typical homeowner just \$5 per month – a small down payment on our students' futures.

**Fact #6:** Measure I requires STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits are mandatory. No money can be taken by the State or used for administrators' salaries.

Irvine, Tustin, Anaheim, Orange and Garden Grove recently passed school improvement measures like Measure I. Santa Ana students deserve the same educational opportunities.

**Let's invest in Santa Ana's future – Vote YES!**

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