

We need Measure A to maintain the quality of our local public schools. San Mateo - Foster City schools benefit from our voter approved parcel tax that is scheduled to expire in June 2010. Measure A will extend this local funding for our schools for an additional seven years.

Without passage of Measure A, our schools will lose approximately \$6 million a year, on top of the over \$18 million in State cuts since 2007. Cuts of this magnitude will devastate our elementary and middle schools. To prevent significant cuts to core academic programs, Measure A has been placed on the February 2010 ballot. The existing tax will be increased by a modest \$8 a month more than taxpayers currently pay.

Passage of Measure A will help prevent the most devastating cuts to core academic programs and will provide stable local funding that cannot be taken away by the state. Independent fiscal oversight and audits are required and seniors are eligible for an exemption.

Measure A will help:

- Protect our students and schools from damaging State budget cuts,
- Maintain school libraries,
- Attract and retain qualified teachers and staff,
- Provide middle school art and music programs, and
- Maintain small class sizes.

Great schools benefit everyone in our community. We need reliable local revenue to shield our students and schools from the harmful effects of the ongoing State cuts.

Every dollar raised by Measure A will stay in our community to benefit our schools and local children. Quality schools help protect property values. Please join us in protecting our local resources and voting Yes on Measure A.

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