

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE W

Brisbane Elementary, Panorama Elementary, and Lipman Middle Schools are the three schools that make up the Brisbane School District. For the past 12 years, Art, Music, and a targeted Reading program for these schools has been funded by a parcel tax. That tax is now up for renewal. This ballot measure, if passed, will continue to fund these programs.

In this time of drastic budget reductions by the State of California, many schools have had to cut Art and Music from their curriculum. Thanks to the support of its local communities, the Brisbane School District has been able to keep these programs, as well as give additional reading instruction to students with particular reading problems. If funds are available, Measure W will also fund classroom aides that are needed to help teachers with large classes or particularly needy students. **Without Measure W, the District will be forced to cut these programs.**

Measure W would cost property owners \$119 per year for five years. None of the money raised would be used for administration. **SENIOR CITIZENS WHO OWN THE PROPERTY ON WHICH THEY RESIDE WITHIN THE DISTRICT WILL BE EXEMPTED UPON REQUEST.** Seniors who have an exemption for the existing parcel tax will automatically be exempted from the renewal tax.

Measure W will have a direct bearing on the quality and scope of education which our schools can provide to our communities. We ask for your continued support of our quality local education.

This measure has been put on the ballot at the urging of Renew the Arts, a group of citizens from Brisbane and Southern Hills.

We urge you to vote YES on Measure W.