

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure M

The opponents' misleading argument and incorrect information ignores these indisputable facts:

- **Our neighborhood schools serve over 27,000 local students each day.** Many of our schools were **built over 40 years ago** and need urgent repairs and upgrades to keep students safe and support high-quality education.
- **No other funding exists to complete these upgrades.** Without Measure M, schools will continue aging and deteriorating. Waiting only makes these improvements more expensive.
- SVUSD has shown fiscal responsibility by refinancing previous bonds to save taxpayers almost \$25 million.
- **Measure M helps capture our fair share of state matching funds.** With Measure M, Saddleback Valley schools qualify for approximately \$50 million in state matching money that otherwise will go to other school districts.
- **By law, every penny from Measure M must be spent locally to improve our schools.** No funds can be taken away by the State or diverted to other schools. No funds can be used for teacher or administrator salaries or pensions.
- The median assessed home value in SVUSD is approximately \$500,000, which means Measure M will cost the typical homeowner just \$11 per month. Growth in your home value will far exceed this cost if our schools and neighborhoods remain attractive to families.
- **Measure M requires citizens' oversight and a project list detailing exactly how the money will be used.**
- Strong schools improve the quality of life in our communities and protect the value of our homes.

Join our community's most respected leaders. **Vote Yes on M to keep our communities and property values strong.**

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Retired SVUSD Principal

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