

LOS GATOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE CC

To improve local elementary and middle schools by upgrading classrooms for literacy programs, science, technology, engineering, arts and math; updating school safety/security systems; and replacing outdated heating, cooling, electrical, and ventilation systems; shall Los Gatos Union School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$163 million in bonds at legal interest rates, levying \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value (averaging \$11.5 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with audits, independent oversight, no money for administrators, and all funds used locally?

Bonds—Yes
Bonds—No

Approval of Measure CC does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Los Gatos Union School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure CC will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure CC. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE CC

California law permits school districts to issue bonds with the approval of 55% of district voters. Such bonds may be used only for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including furnishing and equipping those facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

The Board of Trustees (Board) of the Los Gatos Union School District (District) has placed on the ballot a measure authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$163,000,000 in such bonds for the purposes of constructing, renovating, and updating school facilities.

As identified in the Measure, the types of projects may include but are not limited to:

- Improving security by providing or upgrading signage, alarms, video surveillance systems, and exterior lighting;
- Installing or replacing campus fencing and gates;
- Updating facilities to meet fire, seismic, and disability-access requirements;
- Replacing or repairing playgrounds, roofs, utility lines, restrooms, and heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems;
- Upgrading or purchasing energy conservation, management, or generation systems;
- Installing or repairing shade structures and upgrading outdoor learning spaces;
- Renovating or upgrading classrooms, labs, small group learning spaces, athletic and food service facilities, administrative offices, and support services areas;
- Constructing and equipping early learning, preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten spaces;
- Creating or expanding existing facilities to support STEM and arts instruction; and
- Constructing or developing classrooms for enrichment programs.

Project costs may include architectural, engineering, legal, and similar planning costs, as well as staff development and training expenses

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associated with new bond-funded equipment and systems. As state law requires, the Measure prohibits bond proceeds from being used for teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.

These general obligation bonds will be payable from ad valorem taxes levied on taxable real property within the District. The Measure states that the best estimate of the average annual tax rate to be levied to repay the proposed bonds is \$29.28 per \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value, and that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected will be 2057-2058. The Measure states that the best estimate of the total debt service during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, is \$379,153,487.

State law requires the District to take certain steps to account for the bond proceeds. Accordingly, the District has listed in the Measure the specific projects to be funded, including a certification that, in developing the list, the Board evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs. Additionally, the District will direct the proceeds be deposited into a special account, appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee, conduct annual independent performance and financial audits, and prepare annual reports on funds collected and expended and the status of any funded project.

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance and sale of up to \$163,000,000 of general obligation bonds to fund school facilities projects as described in the Measure.

A "no" vote is a vote not to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds.

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County Counsel

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Measure CC

LOS GATOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND OF 2024

By approval of this measure by at least fifty-five percent (55%) of the registered voters voting thereon, the Los Gatos Union School District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$163 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific TK-8 elementary and middle school facilities projects listed below in the Bond Project List, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified herein.

SECTION I: KEY FINDINGS

- Los Gatos Union School District (District) has provided quality transitional kindergarten through eighth grade (TK-8) elementary and middle school education to students in the local community over its long history, consistent with its mission to educate all children to their unique potential by teaching, modeling, and supporting the skills and attitudes that contribute to their development as globally and socially responsible citizens.
- Aging education facilities need repairs and upgrades to meet modern academic and safety standards, to ensure all schools have up-to-date technology, facilities to support programs in reading and literacy and to provide modern STEAM classrooms that will attract and retain the best teachers and staff.
- The District's goal is to provide safe, secure campuses to protect students and staff with modern safety features such as improved school safety and security systems, updated door locks, fencing, security cameras, and fire alarms, as well as improved pedestrian crossings.
- The District has conducted a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to identify the upgrades needed at each school site in order to meet modern safety and security standards, to meet the District's goals for supporting current academic standards, and to address specific priorities at individual school sites.
- In the past, local voters have approved school facility bonds to help the District meet critical renovation, modernization and safety needs at the District's schools, and a citizens' oversight committee verified that all funds expended thus far were spent in accordance with voter-approved priorities.
- Unlike the District's parcel tax funds, which support the District's educational programs and staffing, bond revenue is the primary means by which all local school districts are able to keep their school buildings and classrooms in good repair, safe, designed and equipped to support changing educational standards, methods and approaches.
- The District cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure.

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- This bond measure will benefit local Los Gatos schools only and no funds can be taken away by the State or other school districts, and by law, no money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions.
- This bond measure requires strict fiscal accountability protections including mandatory annual audits and a citizens' oversight committee comprised of local residents to ensure funds are managed and spent properly.

SECTION II: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

The provisions in this section are included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Trustees has evaluated the facilities needs of the District and has identified projects to finance from a local bond measure at this time. The Board of Trustees has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee in accordance with Education Code Sections 15278-15282 and applicable Board policy, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within sixty (60) days of the date when the Board of Trustees enters the results of the election in its official minutes.

Annual Performance Audit. The Board of Trustees shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects described in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audit. The Board of Trustees shall conduct or cause to be conducted an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent.

Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than January 1 of each year, commencing on the first January 1 after bonds have been issued and proceeds spent, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in the past fiscal year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may be incorporated into the annual budget, annual financial report, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

SECTION III: BOND PROJECT LIST

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this measure, describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. All information contained within this "Section III:

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Bond Project List" comprises the list and description of permissible projects and expenses that may be paid from bond proceeds.

In order to meet all identified facility needs, the District intends to complete projects using a combination of funding sources, including joint use funds or contributions, development impact fees, and state funding (if available). The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for projects on the Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted by law. Approval of this measure does not guarantee that all projects on this Bond Project List at all listed sites will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the projects assumes the receipt of some state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. Bond funds may be used to meet any matching share contribution requirements.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, all as listed on the Bond Project List. All projects to be financed with bonds authorized by this measure listed on the Bond Project List have been determined by the District to be "school facilities" as that term is used in the California Constitution. "School facilities" include projects at school sites as well as administrative and teacher/staff support facilities which are necessary for, and related to, the delivery of high-quality education services. Projects listed below may be completed at any and all properties, school sites and facilities where such project is determined necessary, and projects are authorized to be performed at each and all of the District's schools, sites and facilities, including administrative and ancillary support facilities, whether owned, leased or yet to be acquired, as well as the following school sites:

| Elementary Schools |
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| Blossom Hill Elementary School |
| Daves Avenue Elementary School |
| Lexington Elementary School |
| Louise Van Meter Elementary School |
| Middle School |
| Raymond J. Fisher Middle School |

Specific projects to be funded by the bond measure include, without limitation, the following:

A. PROJECTS TO MEET CURRENT STUDENT HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY STANDARDS

- Improve security at schools by providing or upgrading wayfinding, signage, fire and classroom intrusion alarms, public address and emergency communication systems, video surveillance cameras and other security systems, safety locks on classroom doors, and exterior lighting;
- Reconfigure exterior and front office access for improved perimeter safety and sightlines on school campuses;
- Install new or replace deteriorating campus fencing and gates;

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- Update aging classrooms and facilities to meet current fire, seismic safety and disability access codes;
- Improve student safety and traffic circulation by upgrading or providing additional school drop-off areas, safe paths of travel and parking lots;
- Resurface playgrounds, asphalt areas, patios and lunch areas;
- Fix and/or replace deteriorating roofs and exterior and interior building systems and infrastructure;
- Resurface playgrounds, athletic fields and asphalt areas;
- Replace and upgrade outdated and deteriorating utility lines for gas, sewer and water service, electrical mains and distribution and other energy efficient systems, controls and infrastructure; Replace and upgrade electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems; and replace and upgrade air conditioning or other classroom cooling systems;
- Upgrade/improve energy efficiency and install, replace or buy out energy conservation, management or generation systems to reduce utility costs;
- Repair and/or replace aging student restrooms, including gender neutral toilet modernization, reconfiguration, and additions;
- Create ADA-compliant access and safe pedestrian paths of travel at schools.

B. PROJECTS TO RENOVATE, MODERNIZE AND UPGRADE EXISTING SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING METHODS

- Install or repair shade structures on school campuses and create sheltered and shaded eating and outdoor learning areas as needed;
- Upgrade, install, or enhance outdoor learning environments, including learning courts, small group areas, gardens, trees and landscape improvements;
- Renovate, modernize and/or upgrade:
 - Classrooms, science labs, and small group learning spaces and multipurpose rooms;
 - Playgrounds, playfield, hardcourts, and physical education facilities;
 - Food service facilities, restrooms, meeting spaces, workrooms, administrative offices and parent/student support service areas.

C. PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF LEARNING SPACES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND GRADE LEVELS

- Construct and equip early learning, preschool, transitional kindergarten, and kindergarten classroom and playground spaces;

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- Expand, create and/or update aging classrooms, labs and District facilities to meet current instructional standards;
- Rehabilitate, create, convert or expand existing facilities to support high quality instruction in science, technology, and mathematics;
- Expand and/or rebuild appropriately sized instruction space for music and performing arts;
- Construct, repurpose and/or develop classrooms for expansion of enrichment program offerings;
- Install and/or repair playground equipment and play surfaces and structures.

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed only as needed, and the listing of projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Projects may be done in phases, based on Board of Trustees priorities available funding. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary.

Decisions regarding the scope, function, timing, location, prioritization or other facets of project implementation for school facility projects listed on the Bond Project List will be made solely by the Board of Trustees by subsequent action, including the interpretation, meaning and intent of each listed project. Where terms such as "renovate," "upgrade," "replace," "improve" and "repair" are used in the Bond Project List, the Board of Trustees has the discretion to determine the best method for accomplishing the project's objective, including the use of new construction. For any listed project involving renovation or modernization of a building or the major portion of a building, the District may proceed with new replacement construction instead (including any necessary demolition), if the District determines that replacement and new construction is more practical than renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, comparative cost and other relevant factors. In addition, where feasible, projects may be completed in partnership with other public or private agencies on a joint use basis using bond proceeds, subject to federal tax rules and regulations. Property, buildings and equipment on the bond project list may be acquired through lease, sale, lease-purchase, lease-leaseback or other project delivery or acquisition methods determined appropriate by the Board. Bond funds may be used to support local match contribution requirements of state facility funding that becomes available for projects on the Bond Project List. Listed projects may be completed at any and all District schools, sites, properties (owned, leased or yet to be acquired) and education buildings where such project is determined necessary.

Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of bond issuance, architectural, engineering, legal and similar planning costs; litigation costs; construction management; bond project consultants; staff development and training expenses associated with learning construction techniques and approaches and new bond-funded equipment and systems; the furnishing and equipping of all projects, including equipment to maintain facilities in a safe and clean condition; and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Payment of the costs of preparation of facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, permit and inspection fees, Division of State

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Architect (DSA)-related requirements, studies and assessments, including ADA and seismic, and temporary housing and relocation costs for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by projects on the Bond Project List are permissible bond expenditures.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Necessary site preparation, grading or restoration may occur in connection with acquisition of property, new construction, modernization, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses or rights of way to the property.

SECTION IV: ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

No Operating Expenses. Proceeds from the sale of Bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities on the Bond Project List, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries and other school operating expenses in accordance with applicable law.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

No Long-Term Debt for Short Lifespan Items. The weighted average maturity of each issue of bonds will not exceed 120 percent (120%) of the average reasonably expected economic life of the projects financed by the bonds, consistent with federal tax law.

Other Terms of the Bonds. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a financing plan determined by the Board of Trustees pursuant to requirements of law. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum and with a maximum term not exceeding the statutory maximum, provided that Bond funds may be used to reimburse the District for Bond Project list expenditures incurred prior to the election and bond issuance, in accordance with federal tax law.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the financial information contained in this measure is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District, nor are the summary or average payment estimates, if any, provided in the Ballot Label. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the

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District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

In preparing this information, the District obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that took into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the County Assessor, if any, in accordance with Education Code Section 15100(c).

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held within the boundaries of Los Gatos Union School District ("District") on November 5, 2024 to authorize the sale of up to \$163 million in bonds to finance facilities as described in the measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in multiple series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property located within the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400 to 9404, inclusive, of the California Elections Code.

- 1. The best estimate from official sources of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$29.28 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2057-58.
- 2. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, and a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction and other demonstrable factors, is estimated to be \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation first occurring in fiscal year 2025-26.
- 3. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is \$379,153,487.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the Santa Clara County official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates, debt service and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Paul Johnson
Superintendent

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CC

Vote YES on CC to safeguard Los Gatos Union School District's outstanding elementary and middle schools.

Los Gatos Union School District provides our children with one of the best educations in the State. Our award-winning elementary and middle schools prepare students for lifelong achievement, enhance the value of our entire Los Gatos community, and help keep our neighborhoods safe and strong.

While well maintained, some of our schools and classrooms are now over fifty years old. That is why LGUSD undertook a comprehensive facilities master planning process. This process identified needed upgrades at our schools so they meet modern safety and educational standards and help ensure all students are well-prepared to be successful in high school, college, and for their bright futures.

Measure CC will provide locally controlled funding for elementary and middle school classrooms that support programs like STEAM, literacy, music, and the performing arts—all of which will help us maintain the high-achieving, well-rounded, education our students need.

Vote Yes on CC: Protect Los Gatos School Safety and Academic Excellence

- Improve student safety and security systems
- Ensure all schools have facilities to support core reading and literacy programs and Pre-Kindergarten
- Improve traffic around schools and safe student crossings
- Upgrade and expand classrooms and labs for science, technology, engineering, music, performing arts and math
- Replace outdated and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical, and ventilation systems

Strict Accountability Keeps Measure CC in Local Schools

- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries
- All funds are locally controlled and cannot be taken away by the State
- Citizen oversight and annual audits will ensure all funds are spent as promised

Our outstanding elementary and middle schools are the foundation that keeps our community safe and strong. Join parents, teachers, community leaders, and local businesses in **voting YES on CC!**

Mike Wasserman
Former County Supervisor

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Teacher

Tom Boyce
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Margaret Ann Smith
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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE CC

Government debt is crushing us. The *federal debt alone* exceeds our GDP!

Moreover, the state, cities, and school districts are saddling us with **bond debt, owed by us taxpayers, and our children!**

Endless rounds of bond sales will not help Los Gatos School District improve education, raise scores, or reverse falling enrollment.

Private alternatives can do **a better job for our children, at lower average costs.** Parents could conceivably afford them—if they weren't also repaying bond debts!

If schools were private, the funding sources to maintain them would be, too.

Schools might borrow from lenders **who decide if their plan makes sense.** Nonprofit schools would seek **voluntary contributions**—like any other charity—so that capable, if disadvantaged, children could secure a good education. And home schoolers don't need to build facilities!

These **alternatives don't involve government bond sales**—or the **hefty taxation needed to repay the bonds' Wall Street investors.**

Instead of viewing **increasingly popular alternatives** as threats, LGSD trustees should **utilize them!**

Rather than **borrow a whopping \$163 MILLION for "updating school safety/security systems" schools**, trustees could encourage families to switch to alternative providers, consolidate existing facilities—accommodating those students who remain in our public schools—and acknowledge declining enrollment and take advantage of it and rent out the unneeded facilities.

Great teachers afraid of losing their jobs **can be confident that private schools will hire them.**

JUST SAY NO to endless bond debt and its result: oppressive taxation!

Vote NO on Measure CC.

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Jack Faraone
Resident of Los Gatos

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE CC

Proponents say this measure will be "updating school safety/security systems" and yet in 2014 the District in the \$99,000,000 bond said its purpose was to "Make essential safety repairs". Seems school safety expires every 10 years.

Does that make any sense to you? NO? **Then please vote NO on CC.**

Enrollment is DECLINING significantly.

From the 2018-19 school year to 2022-23 (latest figures) enrollment has declined by 251 students. **Down to 3,269 students.**

This bond costs \$49,862 per student and that's before 30+ years of interest expenses at rates up to 12%. Yikes!!!

Will this \$163,000,000 bond debt be spent to hire or train great teachers to improve student academics?

Answer: **NO**, that's not legally permitted.

Let's look at the recent academic performance DECLINE:

- 2022-23 school year results: **21.47% below grade level for English.**
- 2022-23 school year results: **26.66% below grade level for Math.**

The District rewarded students, parents, and taxpayers for the passage of the 2014 bond measure (\$99,000,000) tax by drops in proficiency in English and math!!!

The District rewarded teachers for this performance decline by increasing the average salary of \$112,103 in 2018-19 to \$122,526 (2022-23) plus benefits.

Source: California Department of Education Data Partnership—www.ed-data.org

Should you, the voters, reward the district for dropping scores in English and math?

If not, we encourage you to vote **NO on Measure CC.**

If you reward failure, you will get more failure!

Reject failure—Vote No on CC.

For more information, please visit us at www.svtaxpayers.org.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE CC

The opposition against Measure CC isn't credible. **The arguments made against us aren't even about our district.**

They clearly confused Los Gatos Union School District with another district, since we didn't have a bond in 2014, our average student test score is higher than ever before, and our enrollment isn't declining. They protest ANY bond measure in the area regardless of how necessary they are.

Los Gatos' premiere schools are the reason why families move here. Their strong academic achievement keeps our neighborhoods strong and protects our property values.

However, the independent evaluation in our Facilities Master Plan does not lie. Some Los Gatos schools are over fifty years old and **need upgrades to meet modern safety and educational standards.**

Yes on CC improves student safety and school security systems with updated door locks, fencing, cameras, and fire alarms.

Yes on CC supports facilities for reading, Pre-Kindergarten, science, technology, engineering, music, performing arts, and math.

Yes on CC helps improve school traffic and student crossings.

Yes on CC replaces outdated and inefficient HVAC systems.

Yes on CC gives our students the tools to be successful in high school, college, and the future.

Yes on CC protects student safety and academic excellence and keeps Los Gatos a wonderful place to live!

Strict accountability to protect local taxpayers:

- No funds for administrator salaries.
- All money is locally controlled and only for voter-approved projects.
- Independent oversight and annual audits.
- Longtime homeowners pay less!

Our students deserve safe, modern schools that help maintain our academic excellence.

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST
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Vote **YES on CC!**

SafeAndStrongLGSchools.com

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Teacher

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