

CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE Z

With funds the State cannot take and no projected increase in current tax rates, shall Cupertino Union School District's measure to replace leaky roofs/plumbing and expand CUSD's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math classrooms in Cupertino, Los Altos, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale be adopted, authorizing \$347 million of bonds with average levies below \$21 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (generating \$23,300,000 annually) while outstanding, audits, legal rates, independent oversight, State matching funds eligibility, and full disclosure of spending?

Bonds—Yes
Bonds—No

Approval of Measure Z does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Cupertino Union School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure Z will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure Z. 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 Z

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 Education (Board) of the Cupertino Union School District (District) has placed on the ballot a Measure authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$347 million 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:

- Replacing or repairing roofs, sewer, gas lines, waterlines, storm drains, and plumbing, heating, ventilation, cooling, and electrical systems;
- Renovating and constructing facilities for STEM and arts instruction; vocational, career, and special education programs; libraries, media centers, mental health, wellness, counseling, and nursing; and athletics and play.
- Upgrading campus safety and security systems;
- Installing and expanding technology systems;
- Making health and safety improvements, including seismic reinforcement and repairing termite damage and aging building materials;
- Repairing or replacing portable classrooms;
- Constructing and equipping transitional kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, and other preschool spaces;
- Constructing or retrofitting food service facilities;
- Improving energy efficiency and sustainability, including installing solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations; and
- Performing accessibility upgrades to comply with state and federal laws.

Project costs may include architectural, engineering, legal, and planning costs, as well as staff training expenses. As state law requires, the

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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 \$20.09 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2055-56. The Measure states that the best estimate of the total debt service during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, is \$647.7 million.

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 \$347 million 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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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE Z

CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE Z FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Cupertino Union School District will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$ 347 million in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List described below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below. The District has determined that in order to provide sufficient funds to undertake the facilities projects described below, it is advisable to submit two separate measures authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District for that purpose, and accordingly the District has called another, separate bond election to be held concurrently with this bond election.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be 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 Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Evaluation of Needs. The School Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Following approval of this measure, the School Board will establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The Oversight Committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board. No employee or official of the District and no vendor, contractor or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Oversight Committee. The School Board may determine that its existing Oversight Committee which oversees the expenditure of bond proceeds of prior bond measures of the District shall simultaneously serve as the Oversight Committee for this bond measure.

Performance Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Government Code Accountability Requirements. As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Bond Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the

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bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Santa Clara County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the Board of Education of the District not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), those being for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in this bond measure and related ballot materials, including relating to estimated rates of *ad valorem* property taxes, the duration of issued bonds and related levies and collections of *ad valorem* property taxes are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the tax rate or the duration of the levy supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters on the ballot label which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of the Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

BOND PROJECT LIST

Scope of Projects. Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, modernization, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, or otherwise improve school facilities of the Cupertino Union School District, including

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furnishing and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3). This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all current and future District sites.

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- Replace, repair, modernize deteriorating roofs, leaking pipes, outdated plumbing, sewer and gas lines, waterlines, storm drains and valves, heating, cooling, ventilation systems and electrical systems.
- Renovate and modernize classrooms and school facilities including flooring, windows, window coverings, doors, lighting, interior and exterior finishes, and paint.
- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms, labs and school facilities for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math ("STEAM") instruction.
- Renovate, expand and modernize classroom, workroom, office and conference room spaces for libraries, media centers, mental health, wellness, counseling, and nursing.
- Construct, expand, retrofit and equip classrooms, facilities, learning spaces and play areas for special education programs.
- Acquire, install and/or upgrade campus safety and security systems, including intercom and emergency communications systems, lighting systems, bell systems, fire and life safety systems, installing additional fencing and gates, pedestrian access, walkways, lighting, reconfiguring entrances and drop-off/pickup locations, point of entry access, and upgrading door locks.
- Upgrade, install, expand district-wide technology projects including computers, tablets, peripheral hardware, classroom technology tools, data backup systems, remote learning software, hardware, internet, wi-fi, acquiring and installing all necessary network infrastructure and wiring.

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- Expand, renovate and revitalize existing or construct new classrooms and school facilities for vocational and career training programs including cooking, woodshop, industrial arts and home economics.
- Make health and safety improvements, such as installing necessary seismic reinforcements, repairing termite damage and repairing and/or replacing aging building materials including removal of hazardous materials identified either prior to or during construction.
- Repair, modernize outdated portable classrooms or replace with permanent modern facilities.
- Modernize, upgrade and renovate existing classrooms and facilities.
- Construct and equip transitional kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and other preschool classrooms, learning spaces and play areas.
- Provide adequate furniture and equipment for all classrooms.
- Renovate, repair, replace, construct and/or install athletic playfields, playgrounds, play surfaces, gyms, other physical education and athletic facilities, locker rooms and all related improvements and equipment.
- Develop, construct, install and improve outdoor areas including playgrounds, play structures, outdoor learning and meeting areas, hardscaping, landscaping, irrigation improvements, and building/installing shade structures and seating.
- Construct, modernize, retrofit cafeteria, eating and serving areas, new central kitchen and multipurpose rooms.
- Improve energy efficiency and sustainability including installation of energy efficient lighting, systems, and infrastructure, solar panels, battery storage, and electric vehicle charging stations.
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades district-wide including site access, walkways, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment and classrooms.

Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, bond project construction management, administration and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; the preparation or restoration of construction, renovation or remodeling; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act;

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access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Furnishing and Equipping. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, fixtures, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, printers, digital white boards, document projectors, telephone system, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

Alternations to Scope: New Construction. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction including land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. For any project involving rehabilitation or renovation of a building or the major portion of a building, the District shall be authorized to proceed with new construction instead, if the Board of Education determines that replacement and new construction is more economically practical than rehabilitation and renovation, considering the building's age, condition, expected remaining life, and other relevant factors.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. Authorized projects include paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the Bond Project List, such as bond anticipation notes, and includes prepayment of lease payments to acquire title to facilities and/or equipment previously financed. Projects may also be undertaken on a joint use basis with other public entities.

Bond Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The District's capital needs currently exceed the amount of bonds the voters are being asked to authorize. The order in which particular projects are listed is not intended to suggest priority for funding or completion, and itemization of projects in the list above does not

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guarantee that all such projects will be undertaken. Project priorities will be determined by the Board of Education. The ability of the District to undertake and complete the listed projects is subject to numerous variables including the adequacy and availability of sufficient funding sources. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Interpretation. The terms of this bond measure and the words used in the Bond Project List shall be interpreted broadly to effect the purpose of providing broad and clear authority for the officers and employees of the District to provide for the school facilities projects the District proposes to finance with the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition within the authority provided by law, including Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, Education Code Section 15000 *et seq.* and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. Words used in the Bond Project List such as repair, improve, upgrade, expand, modernize, renovate, and reconfigure are used to describe school facilities projects in plain English but are not intended to expand the nature of such projects beyond what is authorized by law. As such, in accordance with legal requirements, the Bond Project List does not authorize, and shall not be interpreted to authorize, expending proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition for current maintenance, operation or repairs.

Severability. The District Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Bond Measure concur, that every section and part of this bond proposition has independent value, and the District Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law, and to this end the provisions of this bond measure are severable.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

TAX RATE STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED

\$347,000,000

CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

An election will be held in the Cupertino Union School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, to authorize the sale of up to \$347 million in bonds of the District to finance school facilities as described in the measure. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$20.09 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2055-56.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on a projection of assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$27.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that such rate would be levied in fiscal year 2040-41 through 2049-50.
3. The best estimate 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 approximately \$647.7 million.

Voters should note the estimated tax rate is based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, taxpayers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective tax rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those used to provide the estimates set forth above, due to factors such as variations in the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold and market interest rates available at the time of each sale, actual assessed valuations over the term of the bonds, and other factors. The date and amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on conditions in the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of

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

By: Stacy Yao
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Cupertino Union School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Z

The continuing prosperity of our communities depends on the success of our public elementary schools. They keep our children safe, teach them critical skills, prepare them for the future and enhance the value of our homes and businesses. Our schools are our communities' most valuable assets and must remain our top priority.

Vote YES on Measure Z to improve Cupertino Union schools and classrooms in Cupertino, Los Altos, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale—with **NO INCREASE IN TAXES**. Doing so ensures our children have the resources to thrive.

Measure Z projects include:

- **Critical Infrastructure Repairs:** Repairing and replacing leaky roofs and plumbing systems.
- **Expanding STEAM Labs:** Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics facilities for a best-in-class education.
- **Mental Health and Special Education Services:** Updating Counseling and Special Education facilities for expanded access.
- **Enhanced Safety Measures:** Upgrading fire alarms and emergency communications systems for student and staff safety.
- **Energy Efficiency Improvements:** Repairing and replacing deteriorating and aging heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.

Measure Z also offers critical protections and benefits for our community:

- **Guaranteed Local Investment:** By law, Measure Z funds must be spent on our local schools **and cannot** be taken by the state and used elsewhere.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Full public disclosure of ALL spending independent citizen oversight and annual audits to verify responsible use of funds.
- **State Matching Funds Eligibility:** Measure Z qualifies Cupertino Union SD for additional state matching funds.

To invest in our public schools is to invest in our communities.

Let's ensure our children are safe and have the resources to succeed while protecting the value of our communities', homes and businesses—with no increase in taxes. Join parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, neighbors, business owners and community leaders in voting **YES on Measure Z**.

Dave Cortese
Senator

Hung Wei
Cupertino City Councilmember

Liangfang Chao

Rosemary Kamei

Linda Sell

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Z

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 Cupertino Union 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 whether 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, CUSD trustees should utilize them!

Rather than **borrowing a whopping \$347 MILLION—plus interest!—to cover mostly predictable maintenance projects**, 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 to rent out any under-utilized 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 resultant, exorbitant taxes!

Vote NO on Measure Z.

SVTaxpayers.org
SCCLP.org

Mark W.A. Hinkle
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Joe Dehn
Chair, Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

William C. White
District Resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z

Proponents say they want to "replace leaky roofs," yet in 2012, Cupertino Union School District in the \$220 million bond said its purpose was "fixing leaky school roofs." It seems that school roofs leak every 12 years or so.

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

Enrollment is DECLINING significantly.

Between the school years of 2018-19 to 2022-23 (latest figures), enrollment has declined by 3,896 students, **down to 13,467 students.**

This bond will cost a whopping \$25,766 per student—and that's before 30+ years of interest expenses at rates of up to 12%. Yikes!!!

Will this \$347 million 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 recent academic performance:

2022-23 results: **15.96% of children below grade level for English.**

2022-23 results: **15.57% of children below grade level for math.**

CUSD "rewarded" students, parents, and taxpayers for the passage of the 2012 bond debt measure (\$220 million) tax by delivering lower proficiency in English and math!!!

CUSD rewarded teachers for this performance decline by increasing the average salary of \$90,146 in 2018-19 to \$104,643 (2022-23) plus benefits up to \$34,109 yearly.

Source: California Department of Education Data Partnership (Ed-Data.org)

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

If your answer is "no," we encourage you to vote **NO on Measure Z.**

If you reward failure, you will get more failure!

Reject failure: Vote No on Z.

You can be FOR children, FOR teachers, and FOR education—while telling government schools to do the right thing: be responsible, both academically and financially.

For more information, please visit us at SVTaxpayers.org.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z

The author opposing Measure Z doesn't live in our community, have children attending our schools or pay taxes here. In other words, he's an outsider who's decided to **lecture us** about managing our money and our schools.

We all understand that no one likes paying taxes. Yet, we all know that investing in our public schools is essential to providing a safe, secure, high-quality education that benefits our children and our community. Measure Z provides our children with the resources to thrive—**with NO INCREASE IN TAXES!**

This is why Measure Z makes sense.

Measure Z will:

- Repair and replace leaky roofs and plumbing systems
- Enhance Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics facilities for a best-in-class education
- Update Counseling and Special Education facilities for expanded access
- Upgrade fire alarms and emergency communications systems for student and staff safety
- Repair and replace deteriorating heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems

Measure Z offers critical taxpayer protections and benefits for our community. State law guarantees that **Measure Z funds cannot be taken by the state** and spent elsewhere. Full public disclosure of all spending is required and funds cannot be used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. Measure Z also qualifies Cupertino Union School District for additional state matching funds.

Measure Z is a unique opportunity to provide our children with safe schools and the resources they need to succeed—**with NO INCREASE IN TAXES.**

Let's build a brighter future for our children and our community by voting **YES on Measure Z!**

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