

Argument in Favor of Measure J
Mountain Valley Unified School District

Everyone knows the importance and value of having quality schools. From higher achieving students, to greater neighborhood safety, to increased home values, quality schools make a difference.

Our schools are outdated and upgrades and renovations need to be made. While facilities have been well maintained over the years, the average age of our facilities is over 55 years old with our oldest operational school, Hayfork Elementary, first built in 1955. Our schools must be upgraded since many do not meet 21st century education and technology standards. In addition, significant mold problems keep our students and teachers from using classrooms and facilities.

If approved, Measure J would abate serious mold issues and bring our schools up to 21st century standards. By investing in our schools, we can meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards and improve our community.

Measure J will make critical facility improvements to our K-12 schools including:

- Making health and safety improvements, including mold, lead, and asbestos removal
- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Improving student access to computers and modern technology
- Replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems

Measure J makes financial sense:

- By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- No Measure J funds can be used for teacher or administrative salaries
- All Measure J funds MUST be spent locally to improve our children's schools and CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY BY THE STATE!

Our local schools are our most important assets and should be our number one priority. Measure J makes health and safety improvements, renovates old and outdated classrooms, improves the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community.

That's something we can all support. Please join us and vote Yes on Measure J!

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