

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

A Yes vote on Measure H will provide the Amador County Unified School District with a reliable source of local funds to repair, maintain and upgrade Amador County schools. Most of the District schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s and their critical systems and infrastructure are reaching the end of their useful life.

A Yes vote on Measure H will:

- Repair and replace leaky and deteriorating roofs
- Improve, upgrade or replace outdated electrical, plumbing, sewer, heating and air conditioning systems
- Upgrade science, computer, and career technical education labs and facilities
- Repair, modernize and improve old classrooms and facilities, and replace outdated, temporary portables
- Maintain and improve six existing elementary schools in the communities they currently serve
- Build new facilities at consolidated schools to expand programs at the middle and high school campuses, better preparing all students for vocational jobs, college and careers

We support Measure H because it provides for strict accountability and bond funds cannot be spent on administrator or teacher salaries. The School Board adopted a specific project list and an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee will monitor all bond expenditures. This committee of local residents will make sure that all bond funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students.

Measure H is an investment in our local community. Measure H projects will provide local construction jobs. The district will also aggressively pursue any available matching funds from the state, maximizing the use of our local dollars.

We need to act locally to keep schools safe and to ensure that generations of our students have the educational opportunities they need and deserve. Quality educational facilities protect and enhance our property values and support our students. Great schools make great communities.

Please join us and vote Yes on Measure H.

/s/ James Marzano, School Board Member, District 3

/s/ Giles Turner, Teacher

/s/ Robert Stephen Russell, Special Educator

/s/ Jenifer DeWalt, Lone/Camanche Resident

/s/ Jared Critchfield, Jackson Resident

ARGUMENT AGAINST OF MEASURE H

This is a \$68 million school bond measure, with no guarantees that the money would be spent as directed, with the state of today's economy, and our current taxes, I think this is a foolish time.

Amador County taxpayers are still liable for approximately \$6 million from the 2002 school bond.

Unlike state bonds which generally do not have a corresponding tax increase to repay the debt, local bonds are accompanied by a tax increase to repay the debt. Thus, when a local education bond is approved by voters, it is accompanied by a separate property tax increase to repay the debt.

Approximately \$119 million of additional taxes Will be levied against Amador County taxpayers. This was approved by District Board of Trustees without sufficient open public discussion for a bond measure of this magnitude.

/s/ Mike Blake

Amador County Taxpayer