

Loma Prieta Joint Union School District

Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure M

Here's what Measure M's opponent didn't tell you: He doesn't live in our community and always files similarly cynical, inaccurate, and deliberately misleading statements in communities across the county.

Measure M is absolutely needed and a sound investment in our local Loma Prieta Elementary School and C.T. English Middle School.

As longtime community members – we know the facts, and we're voting **YES on Measure M.**

Here are the facts:

FACT: Measure M is about one thing – maintaining the quality of education in our mountain elementary and middle schools.

FACT: Measure M is on the ballot because there is no other way for Loma Prieta Joint Union School District (LPJUSD) to raise these funds. State funding does not meet the cost of state mandates and inflation.

FACT: The quality of LPJUSD schools, teachers, class sizes, and challenging instructional programs depends on Measure M to supplement limited State funding.

FACT: Without Measure M, LPJUSD will have to make drastic cuts to academic programs, increase class sizes; layoffs of teachers, counselors, and support staff.

FACT: Measure M expires in eight years and cannot be renewed without voter approval.

FACT: Loma Prieta Joint Union School District is among the higher achieving districts in the State. Test scores are above state standards and exceed benchmarks for excellence. www.ed-data.org/Comparisons

FACT: Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits are required for fiscal accountability, and an exemption is available for senior citizens.

Protect **your** investment in our local mountain schools – **VOTE YES on M.**

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