

## **Argument in Favor of Measure A**

### San Carlos School District

Vote YES on Measure A so our San Carlos elementary and middle schools can maintain programs that provide an excellent academic foundation including math, science, reading and writing.

San Carlos elementary and middle schools are recognized as among the best in California. Our students' test scores are well above the State's standard of excellence, and they continue to rise. Since 2003, the San Carlos School District has relied on voter-approved local funding to help maintain this tradition of excellence.

Measure A simply renews that existing local school funding, without increasing taxes. This funding will expire in June 2011 if Measure A fails.

Measure A supports strong student achievement by:

- Emphasizing math, science, reading and writing skills in the classroom
- Maintaining hands-on science programs
- Maintaining literacy programs to help all students read at or above grade level
- Attracting, training and retaining highly-qualified teachers
- Keeping school libraries open
- Maintaining art and music programs

Measure A doesn't raise taxes. All Measure A funds go directly to San Carlos schools and cannot be taken by the State.

Measure A includes taxpayer protections:

- Measure A requires independent oversight and annual audits to ensure taxpayer dollars are used as promised
- No money can be used for administrator salaries
- Seniors can receive exemptions

If Measure A fails, San Carlos schools will lose one million dollars annually. Our local elementary and middle schools will have to make drastic cuts to academic programs and increase class sizes. School programs may be cut back to the bare minimum curriculum needed to meet State requirements.

For more information, visit [SupportStrongSchools.com](http://SupportStrongSchools.com).

Please support strong schools in San Carlos: vote YES on A.

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