Argument In Four of Measure W

Vote YES on W to improve education in neighborhood elementary and middle schools, which serve Redwood City, San Carlos, Menlo Park, Atherton and Woodside students.

Measure W provides local control and stable funding for our schools—the State cannot take one penny of Measure W. Measure W will benefit all students, going directly to classrooms to protect academic essentials.

In recent years, student achievement in our local schools has been increasing steadily. Our student test scores on statewide exams are on the rise, especially in reading and math. Three of our schools are California Distinguished Schools.

Yet, in the past five years, State budget cuts to our local schools totaled \$13 million. In response, the school district tightened its belt, cut 120 teaching and staff positions, reduced salaries and cut administration for improved efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

State cuts have also reduced academic programs, increased some class sizes by 50 percent and reduced library hours. Due to the State's budget uncertainty, our schools face even more cuts next year.

Redwood City School District is one of the lowest-funded in San Mateo County and the only school district in our area that is not supported by a local education funding measure, like Measure W.

Vote YES on W to improve education in our local schools.

- · Protect academic programs in math, science, reading and writing
- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Support school libraries

Fiscal Accountability

- All funds will stay in local schools and cannot be taken by the State
- No funds for administrators' salaries
- · Citizen oversight and annual audits ensure fiscal responsibility
- Expires in 5 years and cannot be extended without voter approval
- A senior citizen homeowners' exemption is available

Better schools will benefit everyone, even those without children in school. Strong schools protect property values, keeping our community strong.

Please join us, vote YES on W.

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Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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Primary Argument in Favor of This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply) The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form. Governing Body: Contact Person's Signature: Contact Person's Printed Name: Title: Phone: Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument. Name of Governing Body: Member(s) of the Governing Body: Contact Person's Signature: Contact Person's Printed Name: Title: Email: Phone: **Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization** If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form. Name of Association/Organization: Principal Officer's Signature: Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title: Email: Contact Person's Printed Name: Fax: Phone: Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure. Phone: Contact Person: Dennis Mc Bride Email:

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