Argument in Favor of Measure E
Burlingame School District
November 8, 2011

Vote Yes on E to protect high quality education in math, science, reading and writing in our excellent Burlingame elementary and middle schools.

Burlingame Elementary School District provides an exceptional education for local students. Due to qualified teachers and strong academic programs, Burlingame students achieve top scores on statewide exams.

Our great Burlingame schools benefit all of us, making our neighborhoods desirable and protecting local property values.

We simply can't rely on the state or federal governments to provide the top quality education we expect from Burlingame schools—that's why we're voting YES on E.

Ninety-three percent of funding for Burlingame schools comes from state and federal sources, which is unstable and declining. In fact, Burlingame schools have experienced $1.2 million in cuts over the past three years.

Additionally, each year the state legislature determines how much money will go to Burlingame schools, making long-term planning impossible. No business could operate with an unpredictable annual budget and neither can our schools.

Measure E will give local control and stable funding to our schools for long-term planning and stability to continue Burlingame's tradition of academic excellence.

Voting Yes on E will restore and protect key academic programs.
  • Protect math, science, reading and writing programs
  • Preserve hands-on science classes/ labs
  • Attract and retain qualified teachers and help prevent teacher layoffs
  • Support art and music programs
  • Provide classroom books, supplies and instructional materials

Measure E is fiscally sound.
  • All funds go directly to Burlingame schools—the State can't take a single penny
  • No funds can be used for administrators' salaries
  • A senior citizen exemption is available
  • Expires in 4 years and cannot be renewed without voter approval
  • Independent citizen oversight ensures funds will be used wisely

Please join hundreds of parents, teachers and neighbors—vote YES on E to continue academic excellence in Burlingame.
Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

Word count limit for Primary Arguments = 300

Ballot Measure _______ for the _______ ELECTION ______ to be held on _______ _______ _______.

Primary Argument in Favor of _______ Primary Argument Against _______.

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 Printed Name: __________ Contact Person's Signature: __________

Title: ____________________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

☐ 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.

Member(s) of the Governing Body: __________________________ Name of Governing Body: __________________________

Contact Person's Printed Name: __________ Contact Person's Signature: __________

Title: ____________________________

Phone: __________________________

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☐ 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 Printed Name and Title: __________________________

Principal Officer's Signature: __________________________

Contact Person's Printed Name: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

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☐ Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.

Contact Person: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Fax: __________________________

Please complete the reverse side of this form.
Primary Argument Signers
In Favor of Measure E
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Please list in the following order:

1. Lou Realyvasquez – Burlingame Realtor
2. Jenifer Beswick – President, PTA Council, Burlingame School District
3. Donna Colson – Burlingame Business Owner
5. John Root – Member, Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee, Burlingame School District
No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed.

Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below.

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Signers

☑ Registered

☐ Verified

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