

Argument in Favor of Measure C

While Measure A maintains existing funding for the current level of Menlo Park City Elementary School District enrollment, Measure C provides the incremental funding needed for expected increases in students.

The quality of our students' education is at risk if the District does not secure adequate additional funding as enrollment increases. Measure C provides the incremental funding needed to maintain small class sizes, excellent teachers and comprehensive educational programs as enrollment increases.

The need for BOTH Measures A and C is clear:

- Professional enrollment projections forecast an additional 71 students enrolling next year in our four schools and a total of 213 additional students enrolling over the next five years.
- As enrollment increases, our district receives no State Aid for each new student.
- Growth in property tax and other funding is insufficient to maintain existing class sizes and programs as more students enroll.

Without Measures A and C:

- Our schools will lack funding for the additional teachers needed to maintain current small classes as enrollment increases.
- Class sizes will increase dramatically to an average of 31.
- Core educational programs will be severely reduced or eliminated.

Taxpayers are protected.

- The tax can only be levied for actual student enrollment above the current 2,938.
- If enrollment declines in the future, the tax automatically declines as well.
- Measure C is capped at 213 additional students.
- The cost of Measure C is \$2.20 per parcel for each new student. With 71 additional students enrolled next year as forecast, the parcel tax will be \$156.20 per parcel.

Strict accountability is ensured through an annual public hearing, audited enrollment data, and an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. Measure C offers an exemption to those 65 and older.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure C and protect our community's outstanding public schools.

For more information, please visit www.SupportMenloParkSchools.org

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