

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure A

The author of the arguments against our schools is using incorrect information.

For example, the District's 2005-06 revenue was \$23,834,434, not \$19,885,846. Using actual revenue data adjusted for inflation, our funding has not increased — it has actually declined by \$465 per student since 2005.

Similar mistakes in the opposition argument are used to assert that our schools are spending more than they should. However, the following 2014 cost per student comparison of nearby comparable districts clearly demonstrates that **Menlo Park City Elementary School District delivers its outstanding program at a reasonable cost:**

- Woodside \$19,458
- Portola Valley \$18,154
- Palo Alto \$14,955
- Hillsborough \$14,448
- Las Lomas \$14,270
- Menlo Park \$13,006

Our most recent student scores are at comparable levels to all the above districts and rank us among the highest achieving districts in California. The fact that this outstanding performance is achieved with less total funding per student is strong evidence of the careful management of our schools.

We are also the first California district to have “AAA” ratings from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's Investors Service.

The facts are clear:

A YES vote on **Measure A does not increase current taxes**. Measure A simply continues essential local funding to maintain existing small class sizes, high quality teachers and comprehensive programs for the current level of student enrollment — protecting the quality of education our community values.

Strong Schools. Strong Community.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure A.

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