Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure C

Once again, the individual opposing our schools is using incorrect information. The argument against Measure C uses incorrect revenue figures for 2005, and then uses that faulty data to incorrectly assert that our schools’ revenue has grown faster than its student enrollment.

Let's look at the facts:

- Since 2005, 805 more students have enrolled at our schools. That represents an increase of 38%; enough new students to fill a school the size of Hillview. And 213 more students are expected to enroll in the next 5 years.

- Our schools receive less property tax revenue per student than comparable nearby districts: $1,501 to $6,037 less in 2014. After combining property and parcel tax revenues, we still have less per student than these districts.

- Revenue per student adjusted for inflation has actually declined over the last decade.

- To address this, our community has acted, taking local control of our schools and demonstrating at the ballot box its long-standing commitment to quality schools.

**Measure C will only authorize new taxes if enrollment actually increases.** If enrollment does not increase, no new taxes are authorized.

A **YES** on Measures A and C will:
1) renew the expiring 2010 parcel tax at its current rate; and
2) provide new additional funding only when enrollment actually increases.

A NO vote denies our current and future students access to the excellent programs our schools currently provide.

**Strong Schools. Strong Community.**

Vote **YES** on both A and C to maintain our outstanding public schools.

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