

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure O

Measure O represents only a \$5 tax rate increase for local property owners – yet it matters tremendously to students in San Mateo, Foster City, San Bruno, Burlingame, Millbrae and Hillsborough.

Our area is known for great schools. Families moved here and stayed for decades because of our schools. We can't sit back and do nothing while ongoing state-imposed budget cuts impact math, science, job training and other instruction our students need today. And, we can't wait for the state government to update our local high schools and prepare students for the 21st-century.

Measure O will provide vital investment in 21st-century learning tools and technology that our students need for higher education and tomorrow's jobs. It will update aging classrooms used for job training and basic classes like math, reading and writing. Measure O will improve science and computer labs, disabled-student access and fire safety.

Measure O provides local funding that the State can't take away and guarantees improvements to our high schools. All projects will be subject to oversight by an independent committee of local citizens. Also, Measure O will give local high schools the opportunity to apply for millions in state matching funds – resources that otherwise will go to other parts of California.

Our schools and our students need our support today. Measure O is a small investment for each of us that will pay huge dividends for our students, our local high schools and our entire community.

Please join us: vote Yes on O.

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August 19, 2010

/s/ **Mary Griffin**
Former San Mateo County Supervisor

August 23, 2010

/s/ **Mark D. Hudak**

August 19, 2010

Board Member, San Mateo-Foster City School District

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August 23, 2010

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August 21, 2010

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