

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **YES on P for Rancho Cordova Students**

### **Why do we need Measure P?**

Our Rancho Cordova students receive a quality education, but our school facilities need to be repaired and updated to help improve instruction in core academic programs like math, science, reading and writing. Our classrooms need to be repaired to ensure students continue to learn in a safe environment. Academic technology also needs to be updated to support classroom instruction. In addition, our schools need facilities to support after-school programs to help kids stay on the right track and prepare for college. Some of our schools have been updated while others have not, and all of our schools need to be brought up to the same standards.

### **How will Measure P support student achievement?**

Measure P will provide up-to-date and safe classrooms to support academic instruction:

- Upgrade classrooms to improve the quality of academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- Provide facilities for after-school programs to help kids stay on the right track and prepare for college
- Complete needed repair projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms for students
- Upgrade and provide additional classroom computers and instructional technology at all schools
- Upgrade aging and inefficient electrical, heating and air conditioning systems to save money
- Provide classrooms and facilities to prepare students for jobs and future careers

### **Will all funds benefit Rancho Cordova schools?**

All funds generated by Measure P will benefit Rancho Cordova schools. None of the Measure P funds can be taken away by the State.

### **How can I be sure that the funds will be spent appropriately?**

All funds from Measure P will be spent to improve facilities in our Rancho Cordova schools. None of the funds can be used to increase salaries, benefits or pensions for administrators, teachers or any other school employees. Annual audits will be required and an independent citizens' oversight committee will review expenditures to ensure the funds are spent only on voter-approved projects.

### **I don't have children in school. How will Measure P benefit me?**

We all benefit from having quality local schools. Great local schools help to attract families to our community, which improves property values for everyone.

### **What will happen if Measure P doesn't pass?**

No other source of funding exists to make the necessary repairs and upgrades at our local schools. Without Measure P, school buildings and facilities cannot be upgraded or repaired to ensure student safety or improve academic instruction. To continue improving teaching and learning in science, math, reading and writing, this measure is necessary.

**How much will Measure P Measure cost?**

Measure P will generate \$68 million to upgrade our local schools and cost property owners no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value every year. The cost is based on *assessed* value, rather than *market* value, of your home.

**Will Measure P make our schools more energy efficient?**

Measure P will save our schools hundreds of thousands of dollars by repairing old buildings and cutting utility bills. These funds can go directly to the classroom to help protect core academic classes and retain qualified teachers.

**Will Measure P help our local economy?**

Yes. Measure P will help boost our local economy by creating construction jobs for local residents, pump money back into businesses in our community and help get our local economy back on track.

**What is the citizens' oversight committee?**

By law, the oversight committee must be representative of the community and must include at least one individual from the business community, a senior organization and a taxpayer organization as well as a parent with children currently in the district. No employee or vendor of the district can be a member of the committee.

**Didn't we just pass a measure for our local schools?**

In 2006, Rancho Cordova voters overwhelmingly approved a local measure to fund much needed improvements to Rancho Cordova and Mather area schools. This measure helped complete the first phase of renovations in our schools. We need to pass Measure P to complete the next phase of safety repairs and upgrades at our schools.

**Weren't some of the Measure P projects supposed to be completed under the previous local school bond measure?**

The 2006 measure helped make needed repairs at our schools, but some of the projects could not be completed because the District was unable to issue voter-approved bonds due to declining property values in our community. The only way to complete these projects is to pass Measure P. Measure P will simply allow our schools to complete all of the voter-approved projects to repair and upgrade our schools.

**When will I have the opportunity to vote on Measure P?**

The measure will appear on the November 6, 2012 ballot. All registered voters who live in Rancho Cordova are eligible to vote. To pass, Measure P must be supported by 55% of those who vote.

**I'm not registered to vote. When is the deadline?**

The deadline to register to vote in this election is October 22. To register, contact the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters by calling (916) 875-6451 or by going to [www.elections.saccounty.net](http://www.elections.saccounty.net).

**What if I have more questions about Measure P?**

If you have more questions about Measure P or would like to get involved in the campaign, go to [www.YesOnPForRCStudents.org](http://www.YesOnPForRCStudents.org) or email us at [YesOnPForRCStudents@gmail.com](mailto:YesOnPForRCStudents@gmail.com).