

**East Side Union High School District**  
**Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure Z, November 8, 2016**

Don't be misled by overly simplistic arguments. **Measure Z** is vitally important to continue the improvement of our local public high schools, many of which are over 50 years old.

**The needs are real and critical.**

Covering over 180 square miles and consisting of 13 high schools plus alternative, adult and district charter schools, East Side Union High School District is one of the largest school districts in the state. The average age of its high schools is 45 years. **Measure Z** will allow us to continue the job of providing quality classrooms for our students.

**Quality schools increase property values.**

Good schools create higher home values. One of the smartest things homeowners can do is to invest in their local neighborhood schools. One of the worst is to allow these schools to deteriorate by writing off the investment and sacrifice made by past generations.

**Measure Z funds classroom improvements.**

**Measure Z** is about providing an ongoing source of **locally-controlled** funding for school improvements ranging from constructing science and engineering classrooms to replacing leaking roofs. It will **not** be used to buy laptops or fund Common Core.

**Measure Z makes financial sense.**

**Measure Z** will save taxpayers millions of dollars by slashing borrowing costs through the use of a series of short-term loans that will not burden future generations.

Our young people are our future. Our schools are a public resource that must be protected and strengthened.

The decision is clear. **Vote YES on Measure Z!**

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