

**Shandon Unified School District
Argument in Favor of Measure H**

In 2016, our community came together and overwhelmingly passed Measure K – the first local school improvement bond approved by Shandon voters in nearly 30 years. With these voter-approved funds, we upgraded classrooms, repaired plumbing and septic tanks and replaced aging electrical wiring.

Now, we have the unique opportunity to continue making essential improvements to our schools **without increasing taxes**.

Measure H will provide Shandon’s schools with the financial tools to make critical safety improvements and better prepare our students for careers in a changing economy, including:

- Modernizing and expanding vocational shops and labs
- Improving school security and student safety
- Renovating classrooms

In addition, just like Measure K, this new bond comes with iron-clad taxpayer protections to ensure that every tax dollar is carefully watched over and managed, including:

- Rigorous independent oversight and annual audits
- Prohibiting the use of funds to pay administrators' salaries and benefits
- Guarantees that all bond money will be spent locally and not taken by the state to be used elsewhere

Covid-19 has impacted both our schools and our students. Yet overnight, our teachers and staff adapted to the challenges brought on by the pandemic and continued to educate, stay connected with and care for our children.

One of the most important lessons we learned from this is that we must remain prepared for emergencies. Measure H will allow our schools to stay prepared for whatever lies ahead, **without increasing taxes**.

The quality of our schools and the education of our children are critical to the wellbeing of our community. Amid the uncertainty ahead, we must provide the resources to **ensure our children and our schools thrive**. As they thrive, so will we all.

Our schools are our most valuable public resource. Let’s make sure they remain that way. Vote Yes on Measure H.

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Signers

Marlene Thomason	Board President
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