

**Gonzales Unified School District
Argument in Favor of Measure K**

High School Career and Technical Education, Technology and Classroom Repair Bond

The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on our entire community, but especially on our local high school. Without warning, teachers and staff have been forced to find completely new ways to educate, stay connected with and care for our children.

We all have learned a valuable lesson: **crises don't wait—we must prepare for any emergency.**

Now is the time to follow through on this lesson. Measure K will provide Gonzales High School with the financial tools to improve technology, expand Career and Technical Education programs and make critical safety improvements – to ensure that our students thrive no matter the circumstances.

Measure K projects include:

- Upgrading Science and Technology learning labs
- Improving and expanding Career and Technical Education programs in engineering, technology and agricultural science
- Improving classroom and remote learning technology (wiring, cables, whiteboards, computers)
- Meeting Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements in classrooms and restrooms
- Upgrading fire alarms and emergency communication systems
- Upgrading emergency preparedness and improving school safety and student security

In addition to creating local construction jobs, Measure K comes with ironclad taxpayer protections, including:

- Requiring a rigorous independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and third-party auditor
- Qualifying for state matching funds.
- Prohibiting any funds from being used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- Guaranteeing that all bond money will be spent locally, not taken by the state for use elsewhere

Our community prides itself on taking care of each other and coming together to support those in need. Today, it's our high school that needs help. Let's improve it so that our children receive the best education possible, no matter what the future may bring.

Doing so will benefit us all. Better schools mean higher property values and a brighter outlook for our community. **Schools are our most valuable public resource. Let's guarantee they remain that way. Vote Yes on Measure K.**

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