

Soledad Unified School District
Argument in favor of Measure ____

Student Technology and Teacher-Staff Housing Bond

The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on our community, especially on our schools. Without warning, school buildings were closed and educators were forced to find new ways to teach. From this, we all have learned two important lessons: Crises don't wait, so it is crucial that we prepare to make education possible, despite any circumstance. And, the most powerful tool a school can possess for a high-quality education is a highly qualified teaching staff.

The fact is, given today's high cost of housing, many educators cannot afford to live in the same community in which they work. This makes it difficult to attract and retain high-caliber educators.

Measure ____ will allow our District to build teacher-staff housing at below-market rents. And it will ensure that our schools have the proper technology to educate our students, regardless of the situation.

Measure ____ projects include:

- Constructing below-market rental housing for teachers and school staff
- Increasing and improving remote learning software
- Acquiring and maintaining computers, tablets, peripheral hardware and classroom technology tools

Measure ____ also comes with iron-clad 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 and benefits
- Guaranteeing that all bond money will be spent locally, not taken by the state for use elsewhere

The construction of below-market teacher-staff housing will benefit us all. Our schools' educators will be able to live among us in our community, and the rental income generated will be used to improve district classrooms. Simultaneously, improving our district's technology will ensure that our children thrive, no matter the circumstances.

Schools are our most valuable public resource. Let's make sure they remain that way. Vote Yes on Measure ____.

Signers

Javier Galvan	Board President
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