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Just as with our homes, we need to protect our investment in our schools by repairing and renovating them.

Passage of **Measure X**, supports the district's implementation of a fiscally-prudent facilities master plan that provides our students with high-quality facilities necessary for academic success.

Fresno Unified School District has demonstrated sound fiscal management. In fact, for more than a decade, every budget approved has been balanced resulting in Aa3 bond rating saving tax payers millions in interest payments. This sound financial footing has allowed us to invest in critical programs and community partnerships improving our schools and neighborhoods. These investments include:

- Extending the instructional day at 40 elementary schools
- Expanding summer school and after school programs
- Doubling the amount of Early Learning opportunities for pre-school age students
- Expanding investments in athletics, activities and the arts
- Investing in a police staff member at every school, increasing safety at our schools and neighborhoods

These investments are paying off with increased academic achievement for ALL students:

- Statewide testing demonstrates every grade level has improved in Language Arts and Math
- Increased graduation rates surpassing federal and state levels
- Increased college-going rate at 85 percent
- Increased vocational training courses
- Reduced drop-out rate

Measure X ensures Fresno Unified School District can continue providing high quality school facilities without impacting our ability to hire needed teachers and staff.

Measure X invests in our schools while creating local jobs and improving our neighborhoods. **Join us in Preparing College and Career Ready Graduates by supporting Measure X.**

The undersigned authors of the rebuttal argument in support for Measure X at the statewide Presidential election for Fresno Unified School District to be held on November 8, 2016 hereby state that such rebuttal is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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