

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE  
SELMA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE "O"  
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In Selma, our schools are the center of our community and every student, regardless of background, should have the opportunity to a good education. With past community support, the District has used the limited resources available to make essential facilities improvements to provide adequate and safe learning environments. The District originally installed portable classrooms as a temporary solution to meet enrollment needs, but now many are just old, expensive to maintain, and in need of replacement. We need to improve our schools so all of our students throughout Selma have quality classrooms and improved facilities to be better prepared for jobs, careers and college.

MEASURE "O" WILL:

- Modernize and construct additional classrooms and support facilities
- Improve student safety and student access to computers and modern classroom technology
- Replace portable classrooms with new permanent facilities
- Provide the required local match for over \$30 million in State grants to modernize and construct new school facilities

MEASURE "O" PROVIDES TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS WE CAN ALL SUPPORT:

- Establishes an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure funds are only spent on voter- approved projects with no monies for employee salaries
- Requires annual financial and performance audits

The Selma Unified School District has provided the children of our community with a quality education since 1938. As taxpayers and homeowners, we agree quality schools improve property values, attract business and maintain the desirability of our community.

There is never a good time to wait to improve our schools. The cost only gets more expensive. The time is now. We need to improve our classrooms and support facilities so that all our children have the facilities and opportunities to succeed.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE "O"!

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FRESNO COUNTY CLERK  
By *[Signature]*  
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