

Arguments in Favor of Ballot Measure A

The students of today deserve a safe, comfortable, efficient learning environment. Colusa Unified School District has documented substantial needs for facility upgrades and improvements. CUSD has not asked voters to approve a bond for over 50 years. A majority of the district buildings are over thirty years old, and while they have been well maintained, they are in need of significant renovations. Bathrooms need to be remodeled and upgraded to meet Americans with Disability Act requirements. Roofs are beginning to leak. Preventive maintenance now will decrease the damage to the roof structures and to the contents of the classrooms. Heating units are at the end of their useful life cycle, and upgrades will allow the district to spend less on utilities and more on students. Plumbing fixtures are old, inefficient models which, if replaced, would decrease water consumption: a great concern given the current drought. Classrooms designed and constructed thirty years ago do not have sufficient electrical supply to support the computers and technology necessary to help our students prepare for the careers of the 21st Century. Science labs designed and built in the 1960's are not adequate to meet the needs of today's students.

Every penny raised from Measure A will be used for modernization. This funding cannot, by law, be diverted for other uses. Likewise, this funding cannot be used for staff or administrator salary increases. A committee of citizens and residents of the district will oversee the bond project to help insure the funds are spent efficiently. Businesses in the Colusa community will benefit from the projects. Contractors, restaurants, gas stations, stores and shops of all kinds will see increased business due to the influx of workers and the awarding of bids.

Vote YES on Measure A!