

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "X"

*Sierra Sands Unified School District Measure*

Did you know some of our local schools are over 70 years old and in urgent need of basic repairs?

YES on "X" to address essential repair and upgrade needs for old school roofs, windows, bathrooms, plumbing, wiring, and heating and cooling systems

YES on "X" to provide a safe, healthy learning environment for all students.

"The Kern County Taxpayer's Association Board of Directors unanimously supports the Sierra Sands Unified School District measure, we are confident the measure is well-structured with the interests of the taxpayers being a high priority," said Kern Tax Executive Director Michael Turnipseed.

YES on "X" allows our schools to qualify for over \$100 million of United States Department of Defense matching funds. If Measure "X" does not pass, we could lose the opportunity for matching funds. Department of Defense matching funds would cover 80% of the cost of building the new elementary school our District needs.

YES on "X":

- Ensures school safety
- Ensures all schools are prepared for earthquakes
- Fixes or replaces leaky roofs, doors, windows
- Replaces deteriorating plumbing, electrical, heating and cooling systems
- Expands facilities to support programs in reading and literacy for the youngest learners

Good schools are what makes our community a desirable place to live.

YES on "X":


- Maintains high-quality public schools
- Attracts and retains a skilled workforce
- Maintains property values and contributes to a strong local economy.

Measure "X" is **FISCALLY ACCOUNTABLE**. Measure "X" includes strict accountability requirements: published independent financial/performance audits AND an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee to ensure all funds are spent effectively, efficiently, and as promised to voters.

- **NO money can be spent on administrators' salaries or pensions.**
- **NO money can be taken by the state.**
- **ALL funds must be spent on our local schools.**

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Join a unanimous Sierra Sands Unified School District Board of Trustees, local businesses, taxpayer advocates, police, firefighters and your neighbors: Vote **YES on "X"**.

E Poole Pres Teachr Assn;  
L Harper Teachr of Yr 24;  
R Ghilardi Teachr of Yr 24;  
G Charlon Busnss Ownr;  
S O'Neil Exec Dir Econ Dev

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2. Lisa Harper \_\_\_\_\_ 8/8/2024  
*Print Name* *Signature* *Date*  
Teacher of the Year, DATA \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Title* *Email Address* *Phone*
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3. Rachel Ghilardi  

<i>Print Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<u>Teacher of the Year, DATA</u>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
  
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