

Argument in Favor of Measure A

Your Yes Vote on Measure A will do three things: Repair schools. Protect students. Prepare our children for the future.

Many of our District's campuses were built in the 1950s and 60s and need repairs and updates to meet modern education and safety standards. Our students can't prepare for careers in the 21st century if they are still learning in old, outdated classrooms and labs.

All students deserve safe schools. Aging HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems have failed several times in recent years, causing learning disruptions. In the last two years alone, the District suffered 602 roof leaks and 1,294 plumbing failures.

While Upland Unified School District has a positive budget certification and certified reserves for the next 3 years, the State does not provide adequate funding for these facility repairs and updates at our schools without a local funding source.

Your YES vote on Measure A is a trustworthy investment in student safety and classroom upgrades. Strong schools protect property values, support quality of life, and improve our neighborhoods.

ALL Funds For Facilities, ZERO funds for Salaries:

- All funds would be controlled locally for our schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- ZERO funds could be used for employee salaries or general expenses
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits will ensure ALL funds are spent as voters intended

Keep Upland Students Safe and Prepared:

- Improve school safety and security systems
- Provide classrooms and labs for job training and career readiness after high school
- Repair or replace leaky roofs
- Make accessibility improvements for people with disabilities
- Upgrade inadequate plumbing, electrical, sewer and HVAC systems
- Make energy efficiency improvements that reduce school utility costs

Let's lift Upland students up with safe, modern schools that prepare them for the future. Vote YES on A.

Signers:

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