

## **Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure A**

Quality schools are key to providing an excellent education, preserving property values, and maintaining our great community.

As parents and engaged community members, we know the condition of our schools firsthand. While our schools are well cared for, they were built decades ago. After 70 years of near-daily use by our community, they simply need critical updates to meet today's health, safety, and educational standards.

The facts simply speak for themselves.

FACT: The District's **responsible** fiscal management has resulted in a balanced budget and 100% compliant oversight of previous bond funds.

FACT: **No other source of funding exists to upgrade our schools.** The State provides funding for staff, books, and basic maintenance, but not major renovations that Upland schools currently require. Measure A will provide locally controlled funding needed to upgrade failing plumbing, electrical, sewer, and HVAC systems.

FACT: The State **will** provide millions in matching funds to help pay for projects, but a local match is required to qualify. Measure A is that match and is the only solution to improve Upland Unified School District classrooms and school facilities.

**Measure A protects local taxpayers with strict accountability measures.**

No funds for ANY salaries or general expenses.

No money for the State, only locally controlled funds for voter-approved projects.

Full transparency with independent oversight and annual audits.

**We know what our students deserve: safe, modern schools that help maintain a high-achieving, well-rounded education.**

Vote Yes on A to repair schools, protect students, and prepare our children for the future!

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