Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of Measure A

The School District should not be asking taxpayers for $237 Million dollars to fix clogged toilets, leaky faucets or leaky roofs! These are ordinary facility operations problems to be paid from the District's $173 million dollar budget revenues. Bonds are for capital improvements not routine repairs and maintenance.

Taxpayers are still paying for the previous school bond for technology upgrades at all campuses, energy efficiency, upgrading classrooms, roofs and facilities. It's outrageous the District wants MORE BOND MONEY for the same reasons. At today's interest rates, **the new proposed bond could cost taxpayers over $600 MILLION dollars over the next 30 years!**

The decline in student enrollment is predicted to continue. The District must face the economic reality and not request for more tax dollars from residents struggling with the rising cost of living. This potentially means school closures, operations consolidations and reductions to administrative staffing preferably through attrition.

All the money spent from the previous bond funds had no positive impact on educational outcomes based on the dismal standardized student test scores. There is an apparent curriculum problem at the District and Statewide. Over 1300 University of California professors have requested the Chancellor to reinstate SAT/ACT standardized testing for incoming students to address the decline in student preparedness for college level courses. More bond money will not fix this problem.

Providing a solid education to students is key to their success. More bond money will not fix the poor standardized testing results problem. **VOTE NO on A!**