

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure J

Look at your property tax bill for a list of the current school general obligation bonds that you are still paying with interest for the next 25 plus years. Three school bond measures are currently being paid by property owners: FSUSD 2002 Measure C, with two series of refinancing, and two Solano College bonds that property owners and renters will be paying for decades.

Much of the work described in **Measure J is deferred maintenance of school properties** for which the Education Code requires school districts to pay for from a deferred maintenance fund. Now the District tells us that the schools require **urgent repairs** and critical improvements. If the District had been a good steward, repairs and replacements would have been completed as needed rather than waiting for a new bond. The cost of new construction and certain replacements are eligible for matching state funds. Many of the listed items do not qualify for matching funds, strongly suggesting that they should not be in Measure J.

Since items listed in Measure J are not specific to any school site, **the Measure is bait** that gives the District a **BLANK CHECK to squander bond dollars** on whatever they want.

The FSUSD has the unilateral authority to refinance any portion of the bond amount during the bond term without voter approval or notice to refinance given to the property owner taxpayer.

Join overtaxed property owners—**VOTE NO ON J!**