

**Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure
Benicia Unified School District
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Please don't let the argument against Measure C mislead you. It doesn't state the facts and the author has submitted nearly identical arguments against other Solano County school districts. One **VERY IMPORTANT FACT was misrepresented: Measure C will NOT increase taxes.**

Many of Benicia's most respected community members support Measure C. Let's trust them and not listen to incorrect, cookie cutter statements.

Consider the FACTS, and vote Yes on C.

FACT: Measure C does not increase taxes. Measure C extends the bond program approved by local voters in 1997 and will actually have a lower tax rate than what we are currently paying. Everything said in the rebuttal about increasing taxes simply isn't true.

FACT: Benicia schools were built up to 80 years ago and need renovations. Measure C replaces leaky roofs and updates classrooms, science labs, job training facilities, and technology.

FACT: Every penny from Measure C must be spent on neighborhood schools. The project list in your voter pamphlet details the allowed use of funds. By law, no monies can be taken away by the State or used for administrator salaries or benefits.

FACT: Measure C requires an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits to ensure transparency and accountability. The oversight committee of Benicia residents reviews the use of funds and reports their findings to the community.

Our students deserve a quality education. **Study the FACTS, and join us in voting YES on C for quality Benicia schools - without increasing taxes.**

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