

## **Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure S**

**The opponents of Measure S are ready to give up on Vallejo schools.** They want us to just accept that Vallejo kids will go to school in 50-year-old classrooms with leaky roofs, deteriorating restrooms and outdated fire alarms. They think it's okay that many schools lack a secure perimeter and all schools need significant safety upgrades.

**We disagree. It has been 20 years since our last school improvement bond. We believe we can do better.**

We believe Vallejo students deserve safe, warm and dry classrooms that protect them from **earthquakes, fires and intruders.**

We believe Vallejo students deserve **modern science labs** where they can develop the science, technology, engineering and math skills needed for **college and careers.**

We believe Vallejo students deserve the **career technical education classrooms and equipment to train them for good jobs in our new economy.**

We believe **Vallejo students deserve the same opportunities** as students in Benicia, Fairfield and most Bay Area school districts where voters passed school bonds just like Measure S.

Measure S requires **an independent citizens' oversight committee** to ensure funds are spent properly to upgrade our schools. **No money can go to administrators' salaries or be taken by the State.**

We are Vallejo homeowners and taxpayers. We're parents, teachers, long-time residents and community leaders who believe **Vallejo can do better.**

**Graduation rates are on the rise and so is Vallejo.** Now is not the time to give up. Improving schools benefits us all.

**Join us – Vote YES on S.**

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