

Ballot Argument in favor of Measure Q

Dixon Unified School District has aging campuses that need repair and renovation to provide students with safe and appropriate learning environments. For over a decade, the District planned to renovate and reopen Old Dixon High School as its middle school. It is centrally located and ideal for that purpose, yet it has remained vacant since 2007. Measure Q provides the funds needed to accomplish this, and will tremendously improve facilities, including science/technology, the arts, career-technical education, physical education, sports, and more.

Measure Q also provides needed funds to update Anderson Elementary School. Anderson is the second oldest District campus, and needs wide-ranging modernization of its outdated classrooms, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, restrooms, food service areas, and more.

Measure Q turns the two oldest District campuses into modernized facilities, to be used for decades to come. Additionally, safety, security, and accessibility projects will improve Tremont, Gretchen Higgins, and Silveyville.

The District worked closely with the Solano County Taxpayers Association. SCTA has taken a neutral position on Measure Q, in part because the District Resolution includes the District's intention to comply with certain criteria:

- award construction contracts through competitive bid;
- prioritize projects;
- structure bond maturity consistent with project useful life;
- control soft costs;
- use non-bond funds for facility maintenance

SCTA will hold the District to these commitments until bond maturity, by ensuring that these criteria are followed.

Finally, in the interests of transparency and full disclosure, voters should know that: (1) The Measure Q tax rate is \$36.75 per \$100,000 of assessed value. For a median-valued home, the cost will be approximately \$92.53 yearly; (2) No Measure Q funds will be used for administration/salaries; (3) The District is working hard to improve academic performance, but is prohibited from using Measure Q funds for programs/services.

Invest in our students and Dixon's future. Vote YES on Measure Q.