

## Argument in Favor of Measure D

Our award winning Ormondale and Corte Madera schools rank among the best in the State. Consistently strong student achievement and test scores are the result of outstanding teachers, an emphasis on core academic instruction and the support our schools receive from the community.

Measure D is on the ballot to protect Ormondale and Corte Madera schools by providing stable funding that can't be taken away by the State.

Approximately \$1 million has already been cut from our local school district budget – a 10% reduction. Every effort has been made to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. However, further reductions in state funding have been enacted. Without Measure D, substantial additional cuts will directly impact classroom instruction and the quality of our local schools.

If approved, Measure D will not prevent all of the cuts but it will provide critical stable funding to protect the core elements of instruction, including:

- Math and science instruction
- Reading and writing program
- Attracting and retaining qualified and experienced teachers
- Minimizing class size increases
- Supporting art and music programs

Measure D costs \$168 per year (\$14 per month) and seniors are eligible for an exemption so Measure D isn't a burden to those on a fixed income. Measure D will automatically expire in four years and cannot be extended without voter approval.

Measure D requires mandatory taxpayer protections to ensure that funds are spent as promised, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits. Funds from this measure may not be used for administrator salaries. Every penny from this measure will stay in our community and cannot be taken away by the State.

Protecting the quality of our local schools protects our property values, which is more important than ever.

Please vote Yes on D.

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