

**Official Argument in Favor of Measure B**  
**Ravenswood City School District**  
**Word Count: 295**

A YES vote on Measure B will help ensure that every child in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park receives a quality education.

Measure B will secure funding for our local schools that can't be taken away by the state or other school districts.

Like many school districts in California, Ravenswood City School District has been hit hard by state budget cuts.

With our local schools facing over \$4 million in additional cuts, Measure B is needed to protect and preserve core instructional programs that have increased test scores for our children.

Specifically, Measure B will:

- Maintain reading, writing and math programs
- Preserve after-school programs that keep kids off the streets and out of gangs
- Maintain the length of the school day and instructional time for students
- Provide training and support for teachers
- Provide programs that get parents involved in their child's education
- Minimize class size increases

By law, every penny from this measure must stay here in our schools and cannot be taken away by the state. Measure B automatically expires in seven years and cannot be extended without voter approval.

Seniors are eligible for an exemption so that this measure is not a burden to those living on a fixed income.

Student test scores are on the rise in our local schools. But we simply can't rely on Sacramento to provide adequate education funding.

Measure B provides guaranteed funds that we can count on to ensure that we have qualified teachers who provide individualized attention to our students and emphasize quality core academic instruction.

Tutoring and counseling programs will continue to help at-risk students stay on the right track and succeed in school.

Every student in our community deserves a quality education. Please join us in voting Yes on B.

/s/ **Sharica Wilson**

February 11, 2011

Chair of Ravenswood City School Board

- /s/ **Ruben Abrica** February 11, 2011  
Resident
- /s/ **Marcelino Lopez** February 11, 2011  
Vice President of  
Ravenswood City School Board
- /s/ **Aaron Williamson** February 11, 2011  
President – Ravenswood Teachers  
Association
- /s/ **Glenda Savage** February 11, 2011  
Resident