

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure E

The most recent enrollment numbers rank [Irvine Unified School District](#) **38th statewide** yet its debt is comparable to #1 Los Angeles, #2 San Diego and #7 San Francisco.

Measure E proponents say it's for the children. Really? Are your schools run down firetraps, unsuitable for kids and about to fall over? **It's really a management problem not a money problem.** Why didn't Irvine Unified School District dedicate sufficient annual revenue maintaining and improving existing facilities? If Measure E passes, will this bonded loan be used for routine maintenance too?

Under Measure E Irvine Unified School District **can buy equipment-like iPads—that you'll be paying for long after they're discarded.** You wouldn't take a car loan lasting longer than the car. Why would you ever authorize Irvine Unified School District to buy short-lived items at your expense? [Google:](#) School bond iPads.

Worse, **many bond funded contracts will be handed out without competitive bidding** that fosters cost-reducing competition, allows all qualified bidders fair opportunity and protects against waste, fraud, favoritism and corruption. [Google:](#) Sweetwater School **pay to play** OR Fresno Leaseback FBI Arax.

Pay attention to Measure E's tax rate statement: "Attention... voters... the foregoing information is based upon... projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the School District."

Vote NO on Measure E.

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