

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure H

It is the responsibility of the CUSD Board of Trustees to ensure that students and staff have facilities that are safe and well maintained. Trustees are responsible for maintaining and repairing facilities **within the annual operating budget**.

Much of what is proposed in the bond language are **repairs** to bring CUSD facilities up to minimum health and safety standards.

As taxpayers, we rely on the Board of Trustees to be our voice to the State of California. We rely on the Trustees to make use of any and all tools at their disposal to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. For instance, the Williams Settlement requires that schools be kept in "good repair." It provides a mechanism that school districts can use to obtain the necessary funds to ensure that all students have access to school facilities that are clean, safe, and functional (working plumbing, roofs that do not leak and HVAC systems that are operational).

In our opinion, taxpayers should not be required to come in "after the fact" and finance repairs in the form of a long term (30 years) bond measure.

It is not good governance to finance what should have been short term repairs into long term debt.

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