



Local Ballot Measure: E

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Argument In Favor of Measure E

As citizens, taxpayers and voters, we understand the important role our local public schools play. They educate our children, prepare them for success, protect local home values and support our businesses. Our schools are the heart of our community.

Today, our local schools— Frank Ledesma Elementary School, Gabilan Elementary School, Jack Franscioni Elementary School, Rose Ferrero Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Main Street Middle School, Pinnacles High School and Soledad High School—need your support.

Vote YES on Measure E to improve Soledad’s public schools and strengthen our community.

Measure E projects include:

- **Career Technical /Vocational Education:** Renovating classrooms and facilities for career training and college prep, including robotics and coding.
- **Enhancing STEAM Labs:** Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics labs for advanced learning.
- **Improving Safety:** Upgrading fire alarms, emergency communication systems, campus lighting, fencing, controlled-entry access systems and security systems.
- **Critical Infrastructure Repairs:** Replacing leaky pipes, plumbing, roofs, aging electrical systems and wiring, and failing heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
- **Ensuring Accessibility:** Creating greater accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- **Modernizing Classrooms and Facilities:** Renovate and repair classrooms to provide modern and engaging learning environments.

Measure E also offers critical safeguards to protect taxpayers, including:

- **Guaranteed Local Investment:** By law, Measure E funds **cannot be taken by the state and spent elsewhere.**
- **Transparency and Accountability: Full public disclosure of all spending,** independent citizen oversight and annual audits ensure responsible use of funds.
- **State Matching Funds:** Measure E will qualify Soledad USD for additional state matching funds.
- **Focused Spending:** No funds for administrators’ salaries, pensions or benefits.

Vote YES on Measure E to provide the safe and modern schools our children deserve. Join parents, grandparents, teachers, neighbors, business owners and community leaders in voting **YES on Measure E.** Together, we can create a brighter future for our children and strengthen our community.

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Rebuttal To Argument In Favor of Measure E

No arguments against Measure E were submitted.