

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE S

VOTE NO ON THIS BOND. It does not examine all district options to create the best plan for our students and community. An investigation of less expensive options, like reprising existing property, has to be done. Hermosa Beach residents and parents deserve a proper cost/benefit analysis of **less expensive and logistically sound options** before committing to this bond.

This \$59,000,000 bond commits over 85% of the school district's bond borrowing capacity for 30 years **without an identified plan**. The costs that every homeowner and renter will be responsible to repay could be up to \$90,000,000 with interest. Previous bonds without well-defined plans have significantly contributed to the current classroom shortage.

The language of the bond tells us nothing, it is vague and anything can happen once it is passed.

There has been a **constant stream of misinformation** presented to the public. The Facilities and Planning Advisory Committee, FPAC, was tasked to consider only one option, North School, although others exist.

The School District must do a comprehensive traffic study of 100's of car trips a day at rush hour times on major arteries and surrounding narrow streets.

North School is a historically significant building and aligns with the concept to **KEEP HERMOSA'S HISTORY**. The current North School tenants fill a critical need for many community parents, 80% of whom are Hermosa residents. They will be evicted to make room for the district's plan to build a new school for 300 plus elementary school children.

Costs are too high and do not allow any margin of error for unanticipated additional costs. The District needs to do its homework and a thorough investigation to find a more cost effective solution.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S

We are here to support our children's education and sound financial future.

This bond is a narrow minded vision, exceeds District needs, has no identified plan, and costs keep changing. All available solutions were NOT examined by the School Board. The mandate focused on one expensive option: tear down and re-build North School for 450-500 students.

The District owes Hermosa Beach taxpayers a transparent report of all options pros and cons before we commit to a \$59,000,000 bond.

Measure J was previously approved for \$13,600,000 for classrooms which residents are still paying off.

- Repairs, upgrades and renovations to current schools were done.
- New classrooms were irresponsibly sacrificed for an \$11,000,000 gymnasium.

Measure S is financially irresponsible. It:

- Increases taxes and rents.
- Forces residents into the highest Debt limit possible, largest tax ever proposed.
- Debilitates future borrowing capability for 30 years.
- Burdens residents with payback of potentially \$98,000,000.
- Does not evaluate renovating existing lower cost options.
- Destroys a preschool and a historically significant building.
- Contradicts School Board estimates for future flat enrollment. Therefore why build a new school with 17 classrooms?

What's needed:

- Evaluation of all existing stand alone options with a cost benefit analysis.
- Traffic study measuring daily gridlock of 500 students dropped/picked-up at the same time on narrow north-end residential streets. Street parking will be eliminated.

Measure-S unnecessarily burdens taxpayers and future generations. There is a better solution.

<http://www.restorehermosaschools.com/>

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