
PTA Supports Measure R

Measure R preserves funding that is crucial to high quality education in our local schools — **with no increase in tax rates.**

PTA believes that great schools are part of what make Santa Monica and Malibu great places to live and help protect property values.

But the State doesn't provide enough funding for the high-quality schools that our students deserve, and that our community expects. That's why Santa Monica and Malibu voters have approved additional school funding. That local support will expire if it is not renewed now.

Measure R is not a new tax. It **renews** existing local funding already in place and previously approved by voters.

Without Measure R, neighborhood schools face serious cuts. Local schools would be forced to lay off more than 70 teachers, increase class sizes, and cut important education programs.

No other source of funding exists to prevent these cuts if Measure R fails.

MEASURE R WILL ALLOW OUR SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE TO:

- ✓ Retain excellent teachers.
- ✓ Support reading and literacy instruction.
- ✓ Protect smaller class sizes (20 students instead of 30 in Grades K-3).
- ✓ Offer programs to improve student skills in math.
- ✓ Preserve science and technology instruction.
- ✓ Support elementary school libraries.
- ✓ Keep music and art in our schools.

MEASURE R PROVIDES STRICT TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY:

- ✓ Annual audits by Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will ensure funds are properly spent.
- ✓ Every penny of Measure R spending will be tracked and reported annually to taxpayers.
- ✓ No Measure R funds can be taken by the State.
- ✓ No funds can be used for administrator salaries.
- ✓ An exemption is available for senior homeowners.

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