Argument in Favor of Measure © Happy Valley Elementary School District

Happy Valley Elementary School is the most important asset in our community and should be our number one priority. From higher achieving students, to increased property values, quality schools make a difference. However, because the state continues to reduce funding for public education, we need to do more to protect and maintain the quality of education. The Happy Valley Elementary School District relies on a local parcel tax, first enacted in 2018, for part of its funding. These funds have been used to support instructional opportunities including maintaining art and music programs and improving classroom technology.

Our children need your YES vote on Measure \underline{G} ! If successful, Measure \underline{G} will continue to provide a stable source of local funds to offset the uncertainty of state funding. With the kind of support provided by the funds from Measure \underline{G} , our students can become well rounded, contributing members of the community. Without it, their educational experience will be compromised.

If passed, Measure \underline{G} will fund programs to improve Happy Valley Elementary School, including:

- · Supporting quality art and music programs,
- Providing for the integration of modern technology into classrooms, including devices and instructional equipment,
- · Attracting and retaining qualified teachers and staff, and
- Supporting classroom instruction.

Measure <u>G</u> makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.

- All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.
- Measure \subseteq provides for an exemption for any parcel owned and occupied by a person 65 years of age or older.
- · Spending will be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee.

Measure G maintains academic programs, helps improve the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and vote Yes on Measure G!

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