

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J
RIPON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote YES on J to keep OUR local schools safe and up-to-date!

Ripon Unified School District provides a high-quality education for local students. However, our local schools are in **urgent** need of repairs and health and safety improvements.

Some of our oldest schools **were built in the 1940s**. Classrooms are deteriorating, electrical systems are faulty, roofs leak, and student bathrooms are in disrepair. In addition, school security and student safety improvements are needed.

That's why we **NEED Measure J** to repair and upgrade Ripon USD schools with locally controlled funding that cannot be taken away by the State.

Yes on J will:

- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas and sewer lines and electrical systems
- Repair outdated heating and cooling systems
- Improve student safety and school security
- Provide classrooms that meet modern academic, health and safety standards
- Upgrade fire safety systems
- Improve access for students with disabilities

Measure J Will Ensure Strict Local Fiscal Accountability and Local Control. It requires:

- An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure all funds are used only for voter-approved projects
- All money raised must remain under local control and cannot be taken away by the State or diverted to other communities
- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries or pensions

Voting **YES on J** will help Ripon USD schools qualify for state matching funds that will otherwise go to improve schools in other communities.

Whether or not you have school-age children, supporting quality schools is a wise investment that protects the quality of life in our community and protects our property values.

Join local teachers, parents, grandparents, business leaders, ag leaders, elected leaders and others in voting Yes on J to provide safe and secure schools for local students!

/s/Leo Zuber, Ripon City Council Member/Retired Ripon USD Superintendent

/s/Roger Valdez, Ripon USD Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee Member/Community Leader

/s/Chuck Roots, Pastor- Ripon Free Methodist Church

/s/Robert Mayfield, Teacher- Ripon High School

/s/Alizeh Ali, Ripon High Class of '24/Former Ripon USD Student School Board Member