

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor Measure G

Fresno County

Fowler Unified School District

March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election

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Fowler Unified School District's enrollment is steadily declining. And with over 57% of the students below grade level in English, it's a wonder more students haven't left.

Can it get worse? Oh, yes it can! Over 68% of students are behind grade level in math!!!

So, with test scores this bad, what academic solutions does the School Board bring to the voters: \$44,000,000 of bond debt and taxes for 30 to 40 years.

In 2016, voters approved \$42,000,000 of debt for the district to "repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems" and "upgrade classrooms."

If roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems really need fixing or extensive repairs every 8 years, why aren't repairs and maintenance included in annual budgeting?

These loans are on top of the \$16,982 spent per student annually (latest figure, 2021–22), which also comes from your property taxes.

Clearly, the district is not finished milking you: they now want **\$44,000,000 plus 3+ decades of interest payments, DOUBLING THE COST**. Bond debt, like home mortgages, must be repaid — with interest of up to 12%/year (legal limit)!

Sadly, children are not getting good academic results through your tax dollars!

- 57.94% of district children are behind grade level in English.
- 68.76% of children are behind grade level in math.

*(Source: California Department of Education's Education Data Partnership: [www.Ed-Data.org](http://www.Ed-Data.org))*

Don't reward poor academic performance with costly bond debt.

You can be FOR teachers, FOR children, and FOR education, but **AGAINST decades of debt!**

**Vote NO on Measure G**

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