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**Riverdale Joint Unified School District
Argument in Favor of Measure J**

The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on our community, especially our schools. Overnight, teachers and staff have been forced to find completely new ways to educate. From this challenge, we all have learned a valuable lesson—crises don't wait and we must stay prepared for any emergency.

We now have the opportunity to improve our schools to make them better prepared for the future.

Remarkably, **Riverdale Joint USD has not had a local school improvement bond since 1997**. Measure J will provide Fipps Primary, Riverdale Elementary and Riverdale High schools with the financial resources to make critical updates and better prepare students for careers in an uncertain economy.

Measure J projects include:

- Modernizing and expanding vocational education facilities
- Replacing aging roofs
- Replacing outdated fire alarm and heating/air conditioning systems
- Renovating classrooms and athletic facilities
- Constructing permanent classrooms to replace portable ones

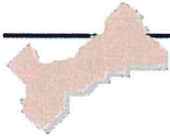
Measure J comes with ironclad taxpayer protections, including:

- Requiring a rigorous Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and third-party auditor
- Qualifying for state matching funds
- Prohibiting funds from being used for employees' salaries or benefits
- Guaranteeing that all bond money will be spent locally, not taken by the state for use elsewhere

Additionally, the repayment of Measure J will not begin until the final payment on the 1997 bond is made next year.

Our community prides itself on taking care of each other and coming together to support those in need. Today, it's our schools that need help. At long last, let's prepare them for whatever the future may bring. Let's ensure that, no matter the circumstances, our children receive the best education possible.

Our schools are our most valuable public resource. Let's guarantee they remain that way. Measure J deserves your Yes vote.



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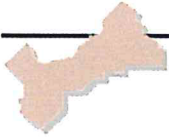
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