FIX THE WAY OUR SCHOOLS SPEND MONEY AND FIX OUR SCHOOLS!
Fix the Way Our Schools Spend Money
Prop 39 will hold administrators accountable for school bond spending

Passage of Prop 39 will:

✓ Prohibit using bond funds for administration and bureaucracy;
✓ Require local school districts to provide voters with a specific list of school construction projects to be financed by a proposed bond;
✓ Require annual fiscal and performance audits throughout the life of bonds;
✓ Mandate new citizen watchdog committees comprised of local parents, seniors, taxpayers and businesses;
✓ Empower watchdog committees to take steps to stop any project if audits show wasteful or unauthorized spending, inform the public of abuses or waste, and work with law enforcement to vigorously investigate and prosecute violations.
Passage of Prop 39 will:

- Require local school bonds to be passed by a tough 55% super-majority vote.
- Prohibit these votes except during regularly scheduled elections.
- Place a strict cap limiting the amount property taxes can be raised as a result of a local school bond.
By requiring a tough, yet realistic 55% super-majority vote, holding administrators directly accountable for school bond spending, and cutting waste and mismanagement, Prop 39 benefits many communities that desperately need to build schools and repair classrooms because of overcrowding and exploding student growth.

Prop 39 also promotes the expansion of class size reduction programs that result in better learning and classroom discipline.
Overcrowding:

✓ California has more students per classroom than any other state except Utah.

✓ Experts predict we’ll need 20,000 new classrooms just to keep up with student population growth expected over the next ten years.

✓ Some school districts with too few classrooms are forced to teach children in trailers and converted cafeterias, libraries and gyms.

✓ One third of all K-12 classrooms in our state are portable “trailer-type” classrooms.

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Fix Our Schools

Why Our Schools and Our Children NEED Prop 39...

Schools need repair:

- More than 50% of California public schools are more than 30 years old, an age at which maintenance and repair costs increase markedly.

- California ranks dead last in students per instructional computer

- More than half of California’s schools lack adequate electrical power for computers.

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Who Supports Proposition 39
(Partial List)

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Governor Gray Davis

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SENIOR
American Association of Retired Person (AARP)
Congress of California Seniors
Gray Panthers of Northern California
Older Women’s League of California

TAXPAYER
California Tax Reform Association

STUDENT
California State Student Association

COMMUNITY/CIVIC
ACLU of Northern California
Bay Area Urban League
CA Association of Leaders for Career Preparation
California Child, Youth, & Family Coalition
Children’s Advocacy Institute
League of Women Voters of California

PUBLIC SAFETY
California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS)
California Professional Firefighters

BUSINESS
California Building Industry Association
California Business for Education Excellence
California Business Roundtable
California Chamber of Commerce
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Retailers Association
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Who Supports Proposition 39
(Partial List)

EDUCATION
American Association of University Women
Association of Low Wealth Schools
California Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO
California Latino School Board Members Association
California Network of Educational Charters
California Retired Teachers Association
California School Boards Association
California State PTA
The California State University
California Teachers Association
Californians for Higher Education
Coalition for Adequate School Housing
Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

ETHNIC
California Black Chamber of Commerce
California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Filipino Chamber of Commerce
Latin Business Association
Latino Issues Forum
League of African American Voters
Mexican American Political Association

LABOR
California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
California Union of Safety Employees
SEIU, California State Council
State Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO

HIGH-TECH
American Electronics Association
Intel Corporation
Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group
Tech Net

*Plus more than 200 local and statewide community groups and organizations.

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How You Can Help Pass Prop 39

Visit our website and urge others to do the same (www.YesonProp39.org).
✓ Distribute materials. The campaign is producing flyers, brochures, stuffers and many other materials for distribution. Visit our On-Line Action Kit on the web to print materials.
✓ Write a letter to your employees and organization members informing them about your company/organization’s decision to support this measure (sample on the web).
✓ Place an article in your company or organization newsletter. A sample newsletter can be found on the campaign website or we can help tailor one specific to your organization.
✓ Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper (call the campaign for ideas).
✓ Speak out in favor of the initiative. The coalition will be setting up a Speakers' Bureau to train speakers and book speakers for events. If you're interested in being a speaker or if you'd like to arrange for a representative to speak to your group, please contact us at (916) 341-1055.

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Vote ‘Yes’ on 39 on November 7!