

# Yes on 1D Fact Sheet

## **1) Yes on 1D is an investment in our schools, in our children and in California's future.**

• Providing a quality education for our kids is the most important thing we can do to invest in their future. The best way to grow our economy and create good-paying jobs is to create world-class public schools that give our students the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. *That's why parents, teachers, business groups and seniors have joined to actively support Yes on 1D.*

• Many students who don't plan on going to college need career education and vocational training, but our schools don't have facilities to accommodate them. Yes on 1D updates our schools with new technology and builds vocational education facilities so that all students are given the skills they need to get a job and succeed in life.

• To prepare for the jobs of the future, our children need to learn with the latest technology. Yes on 1D will help pay for wiring classrooms and providing 21st Century technology for our students.

• California's community colleges and state universities (UC and CSU) continue to grow exponentially. With community colleges providing instruction to over 2 million students every year, and California's universities expected to grow to accommodate nearly 650,000 students, we need to provide funding to modernize and upgrade teaching and research facilities to remain competitive with other states

• For every dollar California invests to get students in and through college, the state's economy receives a \$3 net return on that investment.

• This measure is so important for California's future that both candidates for Governor, Phil Angelides and Arnold Schwarzenegger, as well as a bipartisan majority of the Legislature, all agree – Yes on 1D.

## **2) Yes on 1D will make schools safer and relieve overcrowding.**

• The California State Architect says that more than 7,000 schools aren't earthquake-safe. The safety of our students should be our top priority. Yes on 1D will allocate funds to retrofit and upgrade our schools and colleges to ensure they can withstand the impact of natural disasters like earthquakes.

- California classrooms are overcrowded. Students are trying to learn in schools that house 75% more students than they were built to accommodate. By building more classrooms, Yes on 1D will relieve overcrowding, help reduce class sizes and give students a real opportunity to learn.

- With half a million children born in California every year, many school districts continue to grow and many more are severely overcrowded. Prop. 1D provides \$1.9 billion for design, inspection and construction of projects to adequately house students. If we don't build new schools now and plan for the future, the overcrowding will only get worse.

- This measure includes funding directed at our kids' safety, including school security, playground safety, removal of asbestos, and replacing leaky and dangerous roofs.

- With restrooms leaking and buildings in disrepair, we send our students the wrong message – we tell them education is not important. A clean, well-maintained and safe school sends the right message: that education is a high priority.

### ***3) Yes on 1D provides strict accountability to ensure that the money is spent properly.***

- Prop. 1D contains strong accountability provisions to guarantee that every single dollar goes to improving schools for students in California.

- Funds from 1D will be subjected to independent audits, and misusing them is a crime, punishable by time in jail. This information will be made available to the public so taxpayers can ensure their money is spent properly and will NOT go to waste.