

**Yosemite USD
Coarsegold and Rivergold Elementary Schools
Argument in Favor of Measure W**

To preserve and enhance Yosemite's elementary schools while maintaining local control, and to ensure that our community—**not the state**—decides how our tax dollars are spent, **vote YES on Measure W!**

As citizens and taxpayers, we can all agree that Coarsegold and Rivergold Elementary Schools are among our community's most valuable assets. However, these schools' facilities—many of which have not been updated in decades—urgently need renovations and repairs.

It is critical that we now join together and **vote YES on Measure W!** Here's why:

Local Control and Fiscal Responsibility:

- We control all decisions over how Measure W **funds are spent—not the state.**
- Use of Measure W funds to pay administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits is strictly prohibited.
- By law, Measure W's dollars cannot be taken by the state and spent elsewhere.

Measure W Protects Taxpayers:

- Full **public disclosure** of all spending is legally required.
- All expenditures will be reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee.
- An independent, third-party annual audit is required by law.

Measure W Will Provide Necessary Updates to Coarsegold and Rivergold Elementary:

- **Repairing Aging Systems:** Replacing leaky plumbing, roofs and inefficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.
- **Improving Student and Staff Safety:** Updating emergency communication systems and fire alarms. Installing fencing, security systems, and automatic door locks to control unauthorized entry.
- **Providing Reliable Backup Power:** Having an alternate power source so schools can continue operating and keep students safe during power outages.
- **Repairing Classrooms and Facilities:** Repairing and updating aging classrooms, restrooms and playgrounds.

To preserve Coarsegold and Rivergold Elementary Schools, protect our ability to make decisions that reflect OUR local values and priorities, with funds that cannot be taken by the State—**vote YES on Measure W!**

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The undersigned author(s) of the: ☒ Argument in Favor ☐ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor
☐ Argument Against ☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against

of ballot measure W at the Primary/General Election
(Name and/or Letter) (Title of Election)

for the Yosemite Unified School District to be held on November 3, 2026 hereby state that this
(Jurisdiction) (Date)

argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1.	<u>Marc Gilchrist</u> (Printed Name) <u>YUSD Board Trustee - Area 1</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>July 23, 2026</u> (Date)
2.	<u>Andrew Prestage</u> (Printed Name) <u>YUSD Board Trustee - Area 2</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>July 23, 2026</u> (Date)
3.	<u>Bernie McGoldrick</u> (Printed Name) <u>YUSD Board Trustee - Area 3</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>July 23, 2026</u> (Date)
4.	<u>Jennifer Rogers</u> (Printed Name) <u>YUSD Board Trustee - Area 4</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>July 23, 2026</u> (Date)
5.	<u>Charles "Brook" Allen</u> (Printed Name) <u>YUSD Board Trustee - Area 5</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>July 23, 2026</u> (Date)

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Name of Association: _____

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