



Protect California Schools

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Protect Schools & Taxpayers Act do?

This measure **protects schools and taxpayers** by closing loopholes special interests and politicians exploit to shortchange our schools and deny rebates owed to taxpayers.

Why is this measure needed?

Decades ago, California voters passed ballot measures to guarantee full funding for our schools and rebates to taxpayers when the state exceeds its spending cap. However, over time, **special interests and politicians have used legal loopholes** to get around these rules. This measure restores them and prevents future special interest end-runs.

Does this measure raise taxes?

No. This measure does not raise taxes and does not create any new taxes. It simply requires any new tax to comply with longstanding, voter-approved constitutional protections for schools and taxpayers.

How does this measure protect schools?

In 1988, California voters approved Prop 98, a constitutional guarantee that **ensures a significant portion of the state budget goes to K–12 schools** and community colleges.

This measure requires any new tax to comply with this funding guarantee. It protects classroom funding from being squeezed during budget battles or economic downturns and stops deceptive ballot measures from continuing to divert education dollars.

How does this measure protect taxpayers?

In 1979, California voters approved Prop. 4, which established a state spending limit that requires excess revenue to be returned to taxpayers.

This measure **protects the state spending cap and prevents special interests from denying taxpayers** what they are owed. It also reinforces safeguards against wasteful government spending.

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