Ballot Argument in Favor of Measure "Q"
Laytonville Unified School District
November 4, 2014

In the Laytonville Unified School District, we educate local students from pre-school through high school. We facilitate a culture of high academic standards and an atmosphere of caring and respect, preparing our students for success throughout their lives. Our schools serve as community centers and are a great source of pride – but now they need our help. Vote YES on Measure "Q"!

In 2000, more than two-thirds of us supported our schools and approved Measure "D", which allowed the District to obtain more than $5.5 million from Sacramento and build the new Laytonville High School. However, while classrooms and buildings at the elementary school have been well maintained over the years, they are old and need to be repaired or replaced, and there are other projects that could help us improve the educational experience we provide to students. While we can't afford to do everything at once, we also cannot afford to ignore the needs! Vote YES on Measure "Q"!

To replace facilities that are more than 60 years old with 21st Century classrooms – and complete other important improvements – the Board has placed Measure "Q" on the November 4th ballot. Vote YES on Measure "Q" because it will:

- Repair, replace and upgrade our oldest classrooms and facilities
- Increase efficiency and install renewable energy upgrades to reduce operating costs and put more money in the classroom
- Improve classroom access to modern technology

Because the Board is committed to full public disclosure and doing this the right way, taxpayer safeguards are in place. Measure "Q" requires:

- An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
- Annual financial and performance audits
- NO use of expensive borrowing options such as capital appreciation bonds (CABs)
- ALL funds dedicated to improving local classrooms and facilities

Support our youngest students, upgrade our oldest classrooms and improve our entire community! Vote YES on Measure "Q"!