



August 20, 2010

Dear Emery USD Parent,

Welcome back to another school year at Emery USD! We're so excited about the prospects ahead for our students. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the continued planning that took place over the summer towards ensuring our students have safe, high-quality, learning environments.

As many of you already know, our current school sites lack adequate science and computer labs, libraries, and technology, and no longer meet current seismic safety standards. To address these important needs, the Emery USD Board of Trustees has unanimously voted to place Measure J on the November 2010 ballot.

According to a recent community survey, Emeryville residents continue to strongly support our schools, and are willing to support a bond measure that can address these critical needs.

If passed, Measure J will provide local funds for our schools—allowing our children to be educated in schools that meet current seismic safety standards and have the libraries, science labs and technology that are part of a high-quality education. We are committed to having our students learn in the proper environment necessary to prepare them for college or career—giving them the tools they need to succeed in today's tough economy and job market.

We are continuing to work with the City of Emeryville to ensure we can proceed in a fiscally responsible way to provide a range of essential services such as adult education, job training, after-school activities, childcare, health services, and more -- at the same location where schools are housed – to benefit all children and families and centralize services.

Additional information is included with this letter, and I will be meeting with PTO and District staff leadership about these issues as well. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to get more information, at 601-4906 or [john.sugiyama@emeryusd.org](mailto:john.sugiyama@emeryusd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Sugiyama".

**Dr. John Sugiyama**  
**Superintendent**