



Ongoing Local Funding For Outstanding Union Schools

Union Elementary School District strives to maintain strong academic achievement for our elementary and middle school students. Over 90% of local children attend a public school in our District. With high test scores, excellent teachers and strong academic programs, our schools are among the top in the state and Santa Clara County.

We believe that the quality of our Union schools attracts new families to our community and helps keep our neighborhoods desirable places to live.

Maintaining High-Quality Education in Our Local Schools

In 2010, our community overwhelmingly approved a local education parcel tax measure to support key academic programs for our students. This measure has provided a secure, stable source of funding that the District can count on every year — money that stays local and cannot be taken away by the state. This critical funding is set to expire next year.

Renewing Local School Funding Without Increasing Taxes

To maintain the excellent education students receive in our local schools, the Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees is considering placing a measure on the November 2015 ballot to renew the expiring \$96 education parcel tax, without increasing the tax rate.

The measure would continue to provide funding for educational priorities including:

-  Maintaining strong core academic programs like English, reading, math and science
-  Attracting and retaining highly qualified, experienced teachers
-  Allowing the District to maintain smaller class sizes
-  Expanding rigorous science, technology, engineering and math programs district-wide



Fiscal Accountability to Keep Funds in the Classroom

-  Every dollar would stay in local schools and could not be taken by the state
-  Annual audits and citizen oversight would continue to ensure all funds are spent as promised
-  None of the funds could be used for administrators' salaries
-  Homeowners age 65 and older would continue to be eligible to receive an exemption
-  The measure would expire in 10 years and could not be renewed without voter approval
-  The measure would not increase taxes — it would simply renew existing funding at current rates

We Want to Know What You Think

We invite all parents and community members to share their thoughts and ask questions about renewing funding for our local schools. For questions or comments please contact Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline Horejs at horejsj@unionsd.org.