

Report Card

Voter-Approved Local Funding Supports Continued Excellence in Arcadia Unified School District



Parcel Tax Exemption

Senior citizen homeowners, aged 65 and older, may opt to receive an exemption from the Arcadia Unified School District education parcel tax for their primary residence. To learn more about the exemption or to apply, please call (626) 821-8300 ext. 6728. Low-income homeowners with disabilities are also eligible for an exemption from the cost of the measure for their primary residence.



Report on Voter-Approved Funding Supporting Arcadia Unified School District

Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Residents:



It is my personal honor and pleasure to be serving in my fourth year as superintendent of the Arcadia Unified School District. I am proud to report that the state of our local schools is as strong as ever.

Thanks to challenging academic programs, outstanding teachers and a community that values education, our local Arcadia schools are among the best in the state. In fact, Arcadia High School ranked among the top two percent of high schools in California. 2017 marked the second straight year that Arcadia High's graduating class had at least one student accepted into every Ivy League University in the country.

I frequently hear how many local residents moved to the Arcadia Unified School District for the quality of our schools and continue to benefit from the strong and stable property values that our local schools help sustain.

A successful local school district does not happen by accident. The Arcadia community contributes to the success of our schools in several important ways:

- Support for our local school parcel tax, which funds quality teachers, manageable class sizes and academic programs for students
- Support for local school improvement bonds that keep our classrooms, science labs and school facilities up-to-date
- Contributions to the Arcadia Educational Foundation

These local sources of school funding are critical to maintaining high quality programs in Arcadia Unified schools and represent nearly all of our available funding for school facility upgrades. The State's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) dictates the fiscal revenue each California school district will receive in a given year. Unfortunately for us, under this formula, districts such as Arcadia become underfunded in comparison to most other school districts in the State. This makes locally-controlled funding that we can count on all the more important to the continued success of our schools.

Local parcel tax funding for our schools is the difference between our schools being good and our schools being great. Arcadia taxpayers deserve to know how these funds are being used and what the school district is doing to plan for future needs. The following report provides an informational update for the community and methods for you to provide feedback or to request additional information.

Thank you for all you do to support our outstanding teachers, students, staff and schools.

Respectfully,



David Vannasdal, Ed.D.
Superintendent



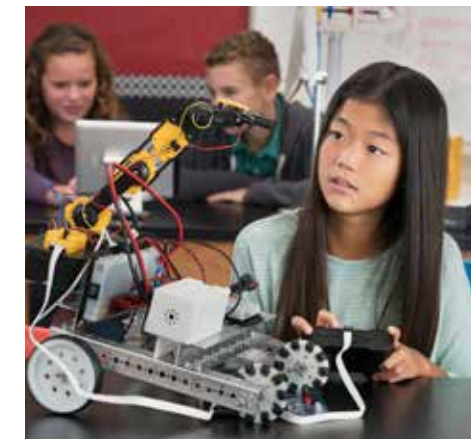
Local Funding for Quality Teachers and Academic Programs

In order to preserve our outstanding teachers and support high student achievement, local voters have consistently supported stable local parcel tax funding for our schools that Sacramento cannot take away.

Arcadia voters first approved local school parcel tax funding with 67% approval of Measure A in 2012 to help offset state funding reductions and protect our local schools from budget cuts.

Measure A funding was renewed by 67% of local voters in 2017 and extended for a term of 18 years, and will generate approximately \$4.3 million per year that goes directly to Arcadia Unified schools to maintain excellent education for a generation of Arcadia Unified students.

Each year since the parcel tax was first approved, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee has reviewed the District's use of the funds and reported that they have been spent as promised to help prevent teacher layoffs, class size increases and cuts to libraries, arts, music and classroom academics.



Measure A Report Card

The Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee agrees that funds from the Measure A parcel tax have been used to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve 28 full-time teacher positions in local schools needed to maintain manageable class sizes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain advanced placement and honors courses, in such subjects as physics, chemistry and biology |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve three school counselor positions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep schools safe and clean |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect quality math, science, reading, art and music programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevent the reduction or elimination of extracurricular activities for students, like the Arcadia High School Marching Band |

Citizens' Oversight Committee Members:

- Nicole Rizzo**, Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District & Active in Parent-Teacher Organization
Raymond Mynster, Employee and Resident of Arcadia Unified School District
Anthony Parrille, At-Large Community Member and Resident of Arcadia Unified School District
Eugene Kao, Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District
Michael Williams, D.C., Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District
Gary Talbert, Senior Citizen Group Representative
Denise Weaver, Business Representative

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