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Questions and Answers About an East Side Union High School Funding Measure

## Why do our schools need local funding?

We are proud of the excellent education and continuous improvements in our local East Side Union High Schools, yet state funding is inadequate.

Local funding would help to protect strong academic programs, continue preparing students for college and careers and keep quality teachers in the classrooms.

### What would a local funding measure provide for our students?

- Maintain 21st-century science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing instruction
- Attract and retain high-quality teachers. counselors and staff
- Protect and enhance hands-on science programs
- Maintain college preparation programs and resources for all students
- Protect arts and music and keep school libraries open
- Protect counseling to help students with academic planning for college and careers
- Provide career-development and vocational job-training programs

### How much would a potential local funding measure cost?

The measure would cost property owners \$49 per parcel per year, which would provide \$6 million for our schools every year.

## How do we know funds would be spent as promised?

- All money raised by the measure must stay in local neighborhood schools
- Funds could not be taken by the State or diverted to other areas
- No funds could be used for District administrators' salaries
- An independent citizens' oversight committee would review and report on the use of funds

## **Could senior citizens receive an exemption?**

Yes. Senior citizens, many of whom are on fixed incomes, may be exempt from the cost of the measure. To obtain an exemption, please contact the school district.

## How can I vote on the local funding measure?

The local funding measure will appear on the June 5, 2018 ballot. Absentee voters can expect to receive their ballots the week of May 7. All registered voters in the East Side Union High School District will be eligible to vote. If you are not registered to vote, visit www.registertovote.ca.gov or call (800) 345-8683. The deadline to register to vote is May 21. In order to pass, the measure must receive a 67% yes vote.

#### What if I have more questions?

If you have more questions, please contact at parceltaxinfo@esuhsd.org

# IMPORTANT Notice



**STAY INFORMED:** We invite the ESUHSD community to comment and ask questions about this local funding measure to improve our schools.















## East Side Union High School District

# LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING MEASURE

## OUTSTANDING LOCAL EDUCATION

East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) offers a challenging and enriching education to local high school students.

Student achievement is on the rise. Graduation rates are climbing and now exceed State and County averages.

ESUHSD is committed to ensuring that our students are equipped with 21st-century science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing instruction to be college and career ready.



## PREPARING LOCAL STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS



The State has proven to be an unreliable partner in providing adequate funding to support the level of academic achievement we have come to expect in East Side Union High Schools. A local high school funding measure would provide a stable source of annual revenue that schools can count on to support academic programs and retain teachers so students learn the necessary skills for success.

## 2018 LOCAL MEASURE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS—JUNE 5 ELECTION

On February 13, the Board of Trustees voted to place a local high school parcel tax measure of \$49 per parcel on the June 2018 ballot. If approved by 67% of voters on June 5, 2018, the measure would provide locally-controlled funding that could not be taken away by the State. The local funding measure would be used to:

- Maintain 21st-century science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing instruction
- Attract and retain high-quality teachers, counselors and staff
- Protect and enhance hands-on science programs
- Maintain college preparation programs and resources for all students
- Protect arts and music and keep school libraries open
- Protect counseling to help students with academic planning for college and careers
- Provide career-development and vocational job-training programs

## STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- All funds must stay in our local high school district and could not be taken by the State
- Senior citizens would be eligible for an exemption
- An independent citizens' oversight committee would review and report on the use of funds
- None of the money raised by the measure could be used for administrators' salaries

## SAMPLE BALLOT

## East Side Union High School District

"To support quality education for East Side Union High School District students, with funds that cannot be taken by the State, to maintain: 21st century science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing instruction; college preparation; career/technical education in computers, arts, hands-on science, business; and attract/retain high quality teachers, counselors and staff; shall the measure to levy \$49 per parcel for 7 years be adopted, raising \$6 million annually, exempting senior citizens, requiring independent oversight, with all funds supporting classroom instruction?"





YES

NO