



Information About Measure U

The Redwood City School District (RCSD) offers innovative, integrative and interactive approaches to learning, ensuring your child will not only learn the basics but also become well prepared for high school, college and careers. We believe it is essential to provide local students with the same quality of education as neighboring communities.

With the dedication of award-winning teachers, our students are excelling. In 2016, four of our schools earned California Gold Ribbons awards, out of only nine awarded in all of San Mateo County. In recent years, our schools have won National Blue Ribbon awards, statewide Golden Bell Awards and been named California Distinguished Schools. Our mission is to build on this success to ensure that all Redwood City students continue to have equal access to a quality education.

Preserving Local Funding to Support Strong Education

Since 2012, our community has supported local schools through a voter-approved education parcel tax to fund strong academic programs and classroom instruction. This funding will expire soon.

Because our schools are among the lowest-funded in San Mateo County, this source of local funding is an important part of the school district's budget. That is why the Board of Education voted to place Measure U, the Elementary Education Improvement and Student Achievement Measure, on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Measure U would renew RCSD's education parcel tax, which would provide approximately \$1.9 million per year in local education funding that could not be taken away by the state.

Measure U Would Continue to:

- ✓ Enhance math, science, reading and writing skills in local classrooms
- ✓ Attract and retain qualified teachers
- ✓ Enhance quality arts and music programs
- ✓ Update classroom computers and instructional technology



Fiscal Accountability Would Be Required

Citizens' oversight has consistently shown that locally controlled funding has been spent as promised. For more information about the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and to view past reports, visit www.rcsdk8.net/Page/5561. If passed, Measure U would renew the District's expiring parcel tax at \$85 per parcel per year and continue existing fiscal accountability provisions.

- ✓ Every penny would benefit local elementary and middle schools and could not be taken by the state
- ✓ No money could be used to fund administrators' salaries or benefits
- ✓ Funds would be spent fairly on a per student basis in every school in the District
- ✓ The principal, teachers, staff and parents at each school would continue to determine how funds are spent at their school
- ✓ Senior citizen homeowners would be eligible for an exemption from the cost of the measure
- ✓ Measure U would expire in 14 years and could not be renewed without voter approval

For More Information

For more information, please contact Superintendent Dr. John Baker at jbaker@rcsdk8.net with any questions.