

Berkeley Unified School District

#### **Voter Measure Planning**

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## **Berkeley Supports Public Schools**

#### **Facilities - General Obligation Bond**

Measure I of 2010

[2000, 1992]

#### **Maintenance Special Tax**

Measure H of 2010

[2000, 1994]

# Berkeley Schools Excellence ProgramMeasure E1 of 2016[2006, 2004, 1994, 1986]



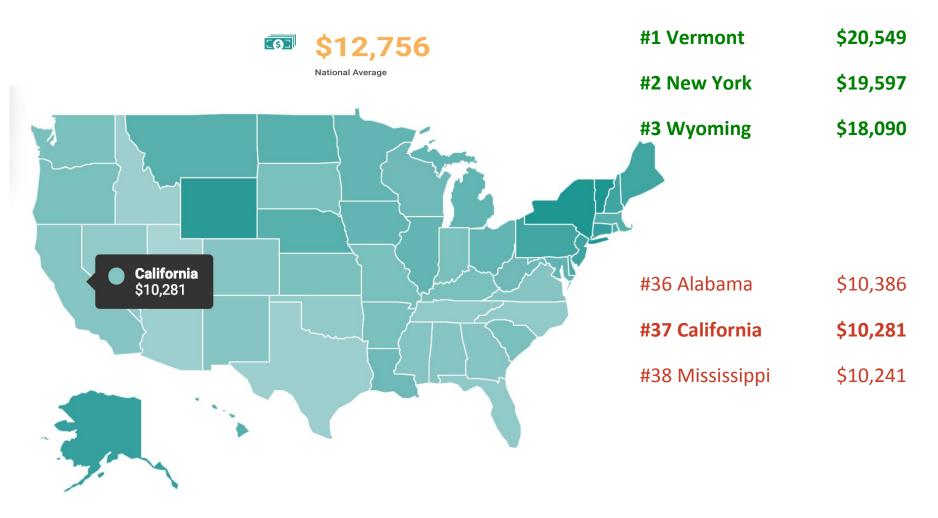
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#### **Berkeley Unified School District** Local Support for Facilities, Maintenance and Program





# **Average Spending Per Student**



**Education Week June 4, 2019** compares per-pupil spending, adjusted for cost differences between states *www.edweek.org/ew/collections/quality-counts-2019-state-finance/map-per-pupil-spending-state-by-state.html* 



# \$3.8M Budget Reductions 2018-2020\*

- Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment
- Director of Student Services to Manager
- Consolidation of administrator positions BTA/BIS
- TK Administrator (back to sites)
- 4 Safety Officers BHS, 1 Safety Officer BTA
- BTA Teacher Staffing
- 2 BHS Counselors to one-time funding
- Dean of Attendance to one-time funding
- Consulting Contracts, Travel
- Account Tech



# **August Recruitment Snapshot**

*Openings first week of school included:* 

- 7 Classroom teachers (filled by subs + more interns)
- 9 Special Ed positions (teachers, psychologists)
- 3 Teachers on Special Assignment

#### Openings in August included:

- 2 School Bus Drivers
- 7 Nutrition Services Assistants
- 9 Instructional Assistants (Early Childhood Ed)
- 11 School Campus Aides
- 13 Instructional Assistant II (Special Ed)
- 21 Instructional Techs (Afterschool)



# **Certificated Salary and Benefits Ranking**

Ranking	Bay Area Comparative Districts	Above/Below Comparative District Average	Above/Below Regional Average
1	New Haven	\$13,704	\$11,805
2	Albany	\$10,054	\$8 <i>,</i> 155
6	San Leandro	\$5,549	\$3 <i>,</i> 650
7	San Lorenzo	\$1,569	-\$330
10	West Contra Costa	-\$341	-\$2,240
13	San Francisco	-\$2,025	-\$3,924
15	Emeryville	-\$7,266	-\$9,165
16	Berkeley	-\$8,016	-\$9,915
17	Oakland	-\$10,016	-\$11,915
18	Alameda	-\$10,880	-\$12,779

\*2017-18, School Services of California

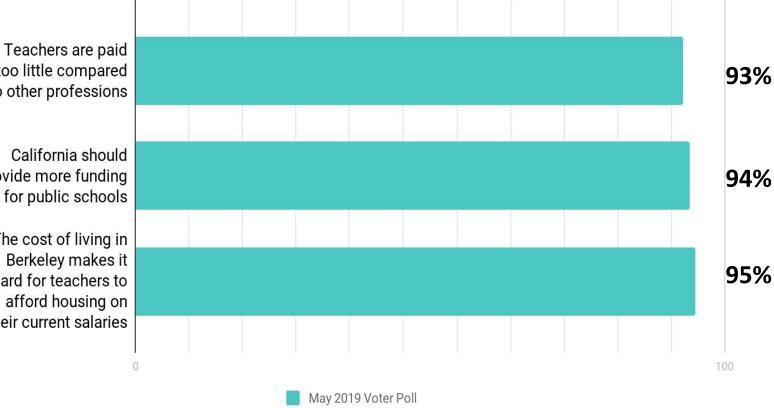


# Sample of Local District Measures

<b>San Lorenzo</b> Nov 2018	"Provide competitive salaries to help attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff"		
<b>West Contra Costa</b> Nov 2018	"Attract and retain quality teachers"		
<b>Alameda</b> Nov 2016	"Attract and retain teachers" (25% of revenue)		
<b>Oakland</b> Nov 2016	<b>Teacher and classified staff salaries and benefits</b> (65% of revenue)		
Albany Unified Nov 2014	"Attract and retain exceptional teachers and counselors"		



#### **Over 90% of Berkeley Voters Agree:**



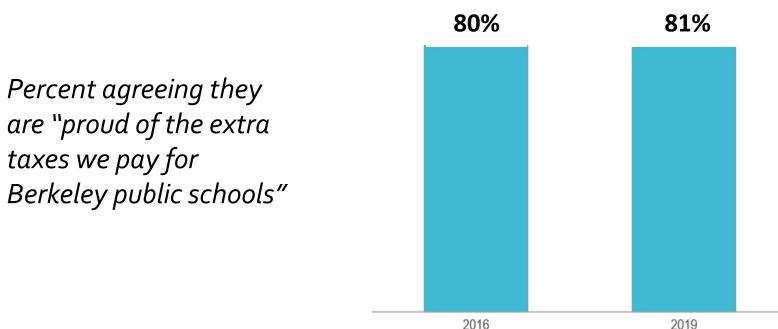
too little compared to other professions

California should provide more funding for public schools

The cost of living in Berkeley makes it hard for teachers to afford housing on their current salaries



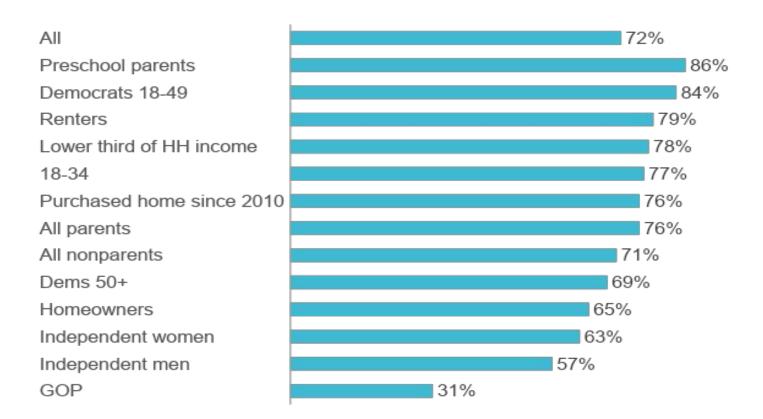
## **Berkeley Voters Take Pride** in Supporting Public Education



2019



#### **Definitely/Probably Vote Yes** on all three potential measures



• 91% of those voting for the maintenance tax and 92% of those voting for the bond would also vote for the Berkeley educator recruitment and retention tax.



#### Roadmap to March 2020 Ballot

Preliminary Planning Period Board and Public Process Public Hearing and Resolution Volunteers Campaign Berkeley Voters Decide Measures Take Effect June 2018 - August 2019 Sept-October 2019 November 2019 December - March 2020 March 3, 2020 July 1, 2020

#### Purposes and use of funds Amount needed

Time: March or November Term: Measure expiration

# September 18 Board Meeting

- Preliminary Report on Fall Voter Poll
- Plan for Further Public Process
- Recruitment/Retention Strategies
- Proceed with March 2020 Timeline?



### Roadmap to March 2020 Ballot

#### June 2018-August 2019

Superintendent's Measure Planning Workgroup: Facilities Master Plan and Maintenance Tax Executive Cabinet: Potential resources to address educator recruitment and retention

#### September 2019

March 3	Election Day
<u>January - Feb 2020</u> Ongoing Feb 3	Volunteers Campaign Absentee Ballots go out for March election
<u>December 2019</u> Dec 6: Dec 11/16	Deadline for Submission of Measures to County Deadline for Ballot Arguments in Favor / Rebuttals
<u>November 2019</u> Nov 6: Nov20:	First Reading of Measure Language for March Ballot Approval of Measure Language for March Ballot
October 2019 Oct 17: Oct tbd: Oct 23:	District and School Committee Leadership Orientation / Workshops Education Town Hall: Table Talks; Stakeholder Engagement Board Meeting: Update on Public Process and Measure Content
Sept 4: Sept 10-14 Sept 18:	Board: Overview of Potential Voter Approved Measures Voter Poll Board: Decision for Measure Approval Timeline

