



# LOS GATOS UNION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Our Community, Our Students, Our Future*

*Together, what we can accomplish?*





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## Mission Statement

Los Gatos Union School District educates all children to their unique potential by teaching, modeling, and supporting the skills and attitudes that contribute to their development as globally and socially responsible citizens.

## Vision Statement

All students know their individual learning styles and talents, think creatively and critically, act responsibly, communicate effectively, and apply knowledge in a diverse and ever-changing world.

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## What have we learned today?

- Our schools are very important to our community
- We have great schools, but not the best schools
- We have the right people (teachers, etc.), but not the right resources
- Our volunteers are incredible and do a great deal of heavy lifting
- Our community is generous – if and when they understand why
- Our collective donation ‘asks’ are inconsistent, random and often lack context – lacking a compelling rationale





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## What are our challenges?

### ➤ Growing Enrollment

- Since 2001, our class sizes have grown to **24 (K-3)** and **29 (4-8)**, beyond what and how the facilities and programs were designed.
- Development, per our recent demographic study, continues to put a worsening pressure on class sizes – a generational time frame

### ➤ Limited Revenue Resources

- We have one of the lowest per child spend (**only \$8.8K**) in the State and much lower than our national average of \$10.1K per child.
- Further, Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which is anything but local control, will further limit any upside potential for new funding



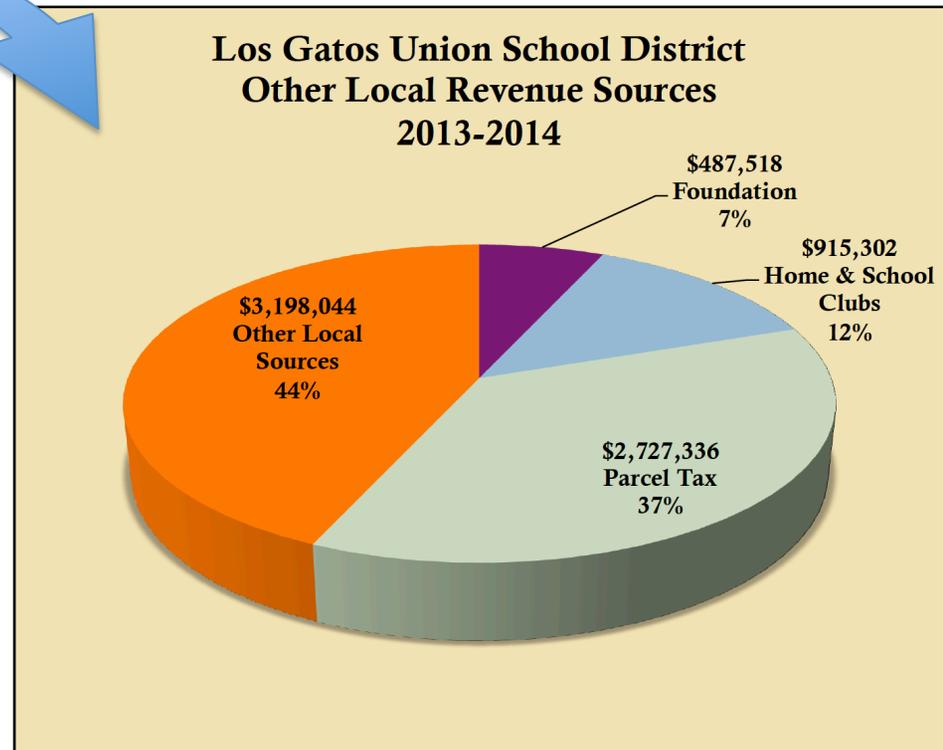
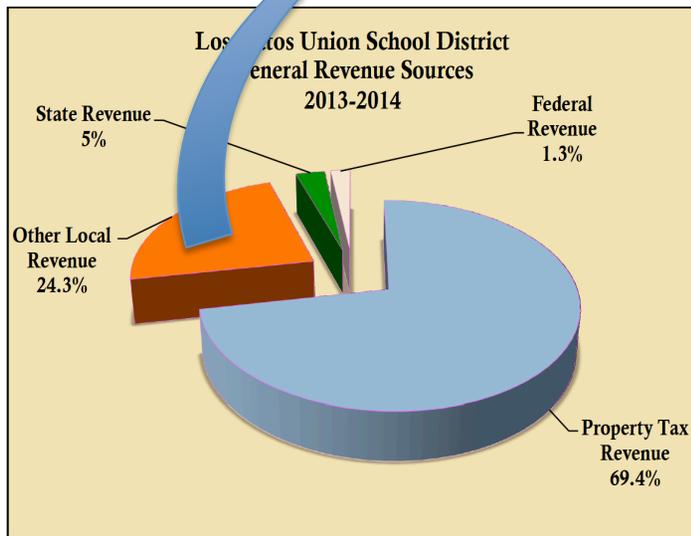


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## Context for the \$8.8K





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## How do we turn our challenges into opportunities?

FROM

Fragmented Voices

Siloed Proliferation of Activities

Starting with Ourselves

Near-term Execution

Protecting Fiefdoms

Community Confusion

TO

One “Woven” Voice

Coordinated Focus and Activities

Starting with our Children

Sustainable Improvement

One Integrated Vision – One Brand

Community Understanding





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## What is the problem to solve?

- We (LGUSD & the Community) are at a tipping point
- We have desirable schools, but...
- We have a fragmented funding model resulting in a limited ability to capture the desired investment to reach our strategic vision
- We need the financial and facility resources to turn our vision into an executable plan.





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## Activity

- Break into groups of...?
- Discuss and write down 1 or 2 actions that would help us build our brand of great schools, academic excellence and innovation
- Consider possible actions for each constituency:
  - LGUSD (The District)
  - LGEF (The Foundation)
  - HSCs (The Schools)
  - Other community partners





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## Activity

### Groups Report Back





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## *Together, we can accomplish anything!*

Community  
Partners

**LGEF**

Los Gatos Education Foundation

H&S Clubs

