

Financial Advisory Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

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2020-21 Budget Year Report

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Los Gatos Union School District

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Parcel tax overview

- Voters initially approved \$180 per parcel tax in **1990** and increased to \$290 in **2002**
- **Measure B:** Most recent measure to extended \$290 per parcel tax in May 2013
 - 8-year term expiring in June 2022
- **Measure B Accountability Measures**
 - Tax proceeds **applied as prescribed** in ballot measure
 - Collections deposited into a **separate fund** apart from other revenues
 - **District to report on parcel tax collections and disbursements** for each year of the parcel tax; includes status of any project authorized for funding with parcel tax proceeds
 - Board of Trustees to **appoint a citizen advisory committee** to confirm parcel tax collections are spent as promised in the ballot measure
 - Advisory committee to **produce an annual oversight report** detailing the District's use of parcel tax collections



Promise to community



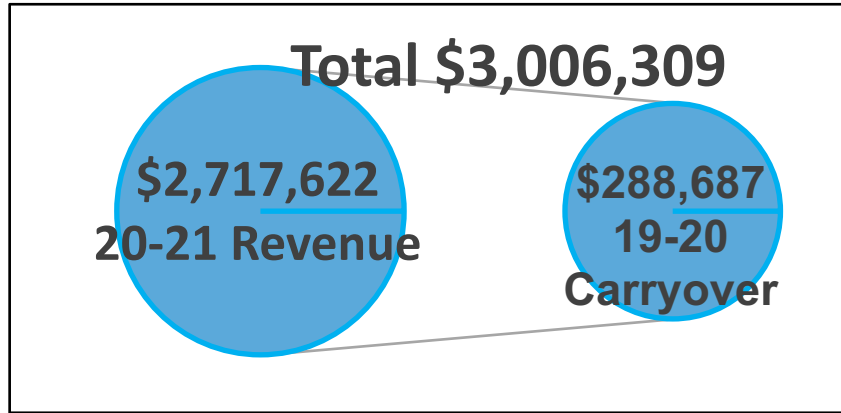
Measure B to fund specific types of programs:

- Protect outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- Retain highly-qualified teachers
- Keep classroom technology, science resources, books and instructional materials updated
- Maintain art and music

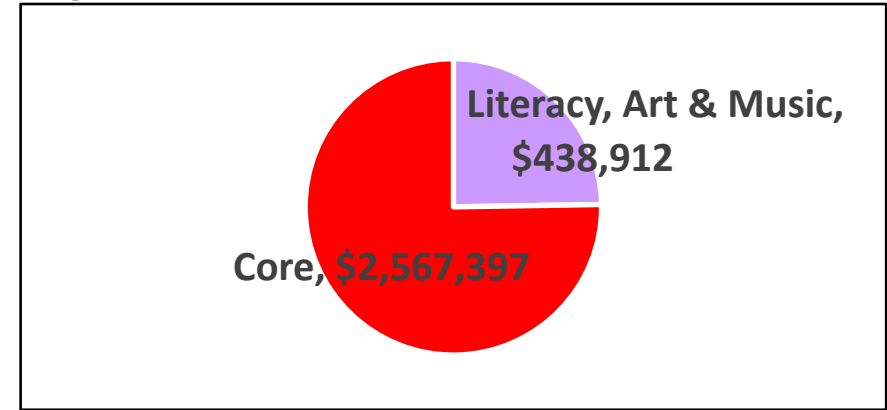


Collection and expenditure summary

Revenue



Expenditures



- **100%** of expenditures used to retain highly-qualified teachers in support of core programs, literacy specialists, music and art programs
- Parcel tax funds **100% of actual costs for approximately 23 teaching positions**
 - **85%** of funded positions support core programs: reading, writing, science and math
 - **15%** of funded positions support literacy, music and art programs
- \$288K Carryover from prior years spent in 20-21.



Findings and Recommendations

Committee finds parcel tax collections in the 2020-21 budget year were used in accordance with the ballot language of Measure B and in the spirit of the promise made to voters.

Recommendations: FAC public communication:

- District is a **community funded district**, over 88% of revenue from community sources in 20-21.
- **Parcel Tax provides nearly 6% of total Revenue**
 - Declining purchasing power
 - No annual inflation adjustor
- Parcel Tax provides **essential benefits** including retaining highly qualified teachers, maintaining art and music and supporting core academic programs
- **FAPTOC expires in June 2022 and committee will review priorities after the November election**

