

Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report

Date: May 9, 2017

On June 3, 2014, Milpitas voters approved the renewal of the school parcel tax (Measure C), which will remain at the current tax rate of \$84. Measure C was extended for a period of eight years, beginning July 2015.

The parcel tax revenue provides the District with a reliable funding that can't be taken by the State. It helps the District to focus on:

- Improving core academic programs in math, science, reading and writing
- Maintaining programs to prepare students for college and 21st Century careers
- Continuing innovative teaching programs in science, technology, engineering and math
- Attracting and retaining highly qualified and experienced teachers

The intent of the parcel tax is to help pay for costs that directly support student learning. The parcel tax language that voters approved clearly articulates this purpose. Parcel tax funds can and should be used to pay for teacher salaries to run the academic programs. In contrast to the general obligation bond fund, which must be spent on facilities, the parcel tax funds should be spent on costs associated with instruction.

The current year, 2016-17, total parcel tax revenue is estimated at \$1,500,872. It was proportionally distributed to each school site for spending on science, math, engineering and English programs.

There are a total of 11 members who serve on the committee. We met twice during the 2016-17 school year to review and make recommendations on the budget of the parcel tax fund. We submit this report as citizens of the Milpitas community that the district is spending parcel tax funds in accordance with intent of the ballot measure.

The parcel tax budget details for the current year and the actual expenditures for last year are attached for your review. We believe that the parcel tax funds provide critical support to all students across the District. Without this funding source, the district would be forced to cut \$1.5 million across all schools and district programs, which will greatly impact our students' learning.

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