

A Community *Tradition* of Supporting Davis Schools

We Want to *Hear* From You

Community Input Encouraged as DJUSD Considers Ballot Measure to Renew Expiring School Funding

DJUSD schools have relied on voter-approved, local funding to attract and retain quality teachers and support core academics for nearly four decades. This source of funding is set to expire and without it, local schools are facing cuts and teacher layoffs. Thus, the Board of Trustees is considering placing a measure on the ballot to renew this source of funding at the current rate.

As we continue to plan for the future of our schools, we want to hear from you. Please contact the District at communications@djUSD.net for more information. We also invite you to join us at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees when we will be considering this measure.

WHAT:

DJUSD Board of
Trustees Meeting

WHEN:

November 2, 2023
6:30pm

WHERE:

Community Chambers,
23 Russell Boulevard



Information on the Potential Measure to Renew Expiring School Funding

Potential Measure to Renew Expiring *Local Funding* for Top Notch Teachers and Academics

Neighborhood Schools Known for Outstanding Academics

Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) schools are known for academic excellence, featuring quality educational programs taught by qualified local teachers. In fact, parents and community members alike say that local schools are the leading factor as to why they choose to live in Davis.



A Community Tradition of Local School Funding

For forty years, local schools have relied on voter-approved, local funding to maintain strong academic programs, support qualified teachers, and provide a high-quality education to students. This locally controlled source of funding enables Davis schools to attract and retain qualified teachers and maintain a tradition of quality educational programs that prepare students for success in college, the workforce, and beyond.

Local Funding Set to Expire, Potentially Leading to Academic Cuts and Teacher Layoffs

This source of funding — which was first established in the 1980s — is set to expire. Without it, DJUSD schools would lose nearly \$12 million annually, which could lead to teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, and cuts to academic programs and services.

Potential Measure to Renew Local Funding

The DJUSD Board of Trustees is considering placing a measure on the ballot in 2024 to renew this expiring source of funding. While no final decisions have been made, the measure would not be a new tax, but would instead renew the existing Measure H parcel tax at the current rate of \$768 per year, raising approximately \$11.7 million per year, ongoing until ended by voters.

Continued Funding for Teachers, Core Academics and a Well-Rounded Education

If renewed, this source of local funding could continue to fund key portions of the budget for local schools. Specifically, it could be used to:

- Attract and retain high-performing teachers and educational staff
- Continue outstanding academics in science, technology, engineering, math, reading, and writing
- Maintain library services
- Limit class sizes
- Protect art, music, world language, career technical education, AP courses, and other electives
- Sustain athletics and co-curricular programs such as robotics, journalism, theatre and debate
- Promote student safety and physical and mental health
- Provide teacher training, resources and classroom support

Continued Fiscal Accountability and Local Control Required

Any local funding measure would continue to require the fiscal accountability provisions already in place, including:

- All revenue would be spent in local schools and could not be taken away by the state
- Exemptions for seniors and residents with disabilities would continue with no reapprovals necessary
- A citizens' oversight committee's annual audits would be required
- No funds could be used for contract management salaries

