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Notice to Voters



Important Information About Voting

All-Mail Ballot:

This measure will appear on an all-mail ballot. All voters must cast a ballot by mail, as no polling places will be open on Election Day.

Look For Your Ballot in the Mail:

The Marin County Registrar of Voters will mail ballots to all registered voters in the Dixie School District on April 9, 2018.

Ballots Are Due:

Ballots must be postmarked by May 8, 2018 in order to count.

Voter Registration Deadline:

The deadline to register to vote in this election is April 23, 2018. To register, contact Marin County Registrar of Voters Office at www.marincounty.org/depts/rv or call (415) 473-6456.



UPCOMING ELECTION IN THE DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Important Information About the Dixie School District Protecting Quality Education Measure



Dear Neighbor,

Since 1864, Dixie School District (DSD) has offered a challenging and enriching education to local elementary and middle school students. Our Dixie schools are recognized as some of the best in the city, county and state, and prepare our students to be lifelong learners.

DSD schools have relied on locally-controlled parcel tax funding for nearly 30 years in order to keep class sizes manageable, retain great teachers and offer challenging educational programs to all students. This funding is now set to expire, which would lead to \$1.9 million in annual cuts and could result in class size increases, cuts to academic programs and lay-offs of teachers and school staff.

The DSD Board of Trustees recently voted to place a measure on the May 8, 2018 all-mail ballot to renew existing locally-controlled funding for our Dixie schools. All funds from this measure would stay in our community to protect academic achievement and support our schools.

We appreciate your ongoing support for our students and we continue to welcome your questions and feedback about our schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jason Lustig Yamashiro, Ed. L.D.
Superintendent



Supporting Student Success

In order to support outstanding education in the Dixie School District and to protect our schools from deep cuts, the DSD Board of Trustees recently voted to place a measure on the May 8, 2018 all-mail ballot to renew existing locally-controlled funding for our Dixie schools at the current rate of \$352 per parcel and add \$118 per parcel. If approved by voters, the measure would:

- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Support core academic programs, including math, science, technology, reading and writing
- Maintain class sizes
- Maintain music programs and world language electives, such as French and Spanish classes
- Maintain instructional materials and equipment for science programs
- Maintain classroom computers and technology instruction
- Keep school libraries open and maintain library services and materials

Strict Fiscal Accountability

To ensure funds from the local funding renewal measure are spent as promised to protect quality education in Dixie schools, the following mandatory fiscal accountability safeguards are included:

- All funds would benefit Dixie schools and no funds could be taken by the State or other school districts
- By law, no funds from the measure could be used for administrator salaries
- An independent citizens' oversight committee, annual audits and reports to the community would continue to be required to ensure funds are spent as promised
- An optional exemption for senior citizens would continue to be available
- The amount may be adjusted by no more than 3% annually to ensure funding keeps pace with inflation and the cost of providing instruction
- The measure would automatically expire in 12 years and could not be extended without voter approval

SAMPLE BALLOT

Dixie School District

"To maintain quality education and provide approximately \$2.6 million in annual local school funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall Dixie Elementary School District attract and retain qualified teachers; maintain core academics, including math, science, technology, music, reading/writing; keep school libraries open by renewing local school funding at the current \$352 rate and adding \$118 per parcel for twelve years with senior exemptions, annual inflation adjustments, independent citizen oversight, and all funds for Dixie students?"

YES
 NO