



Loma Prieta School District Local Funding Measure Information

Dear Loma Prieta Community,

I believe that Loma Prieta School and CT English Middle School provide a high-quality education for students in our mountain community. With excellent teachers, small class sizes and a well-rounded curriculum, our students excel on statewide exams and go on to succeed in high school and beyond.

In order to protect the exceptional education that our school district provides for local students, the Board of Education is considering placing a 4-year \$95 annual local funding measure on the May 4, 2010 mail-only ballot.

If approved, the measure will support our elementary and middle schools by:

- Retaining qualified and experienced teachers
- Protecting core academic programs including reading, writing, science and math
- Keeping schools safe and clean
- Maintaining up-to-date computers and technology in classrooms
- Maintaining a well-rounded education including Spanish, music, art and other educational enrichment programs
- Maintaining small class sizes



The measure also includes fiscal safeguards.

- Every penny of these local funds can only be used in Loma Prieta School District to support education
- No funds can be spent on administrators' salaries
- The measure will expire in 4 years and cannot be renewed without voter approval
- In addition, senior citizen homeowners can receive an exemption

Our schools have been able to maintain academic excellence and retain teachers despite ongoing state funding shortfalls for education because of strong parent and community support, as well as wise fiscal management. There are multiple sources of revenue for the district's budget that fund our well-rounded academic curriculum: state funding, local funding and parent donations from the Loma Public Education Fund and our Home & School Clubs.

Yet, ongoing state budget cuts are threatening our school district's ability to maintain well-rounded academic programs and retain teachers. That is why this measure is necessary - it will allow our district to continue its tradition of academic excellence for all of the students in our community.

How to vote in the May 4th special mail-only election:

All registered voters will receive a ballot for this May 4, 2010 election in the mail in early April. There will be no polling places for this election.

We'd like your input on this important measure. To ask questions or provide your feedback, please contact me at (408) 353-1101.

Sincerely,

Henry Castaniada, Superintendent
Loma Prieta Union School District