

# Local Funding Sustains Top Teachers and Academic Excellence in Davis Schools

Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) strives to ignite a love of learning and provide each student with the knowledge, skills, character and well-being to thrive and contribute to an interconnected world. Parents and community members alike tell us that the local schools are a primary reason they choose to live in Davis.

## A COMMUNITY TRADITION OF SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

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 maintain a tradition of quality educational programs to prepare students for success after graduation and attract and retain the best teacher talent.



## SCHOOLS FACING POTENTIAL 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 FOR OUR SCHOOLS

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. If renewed, this source of funding would continue 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 social-emotional, physical and mental well-being
- Provide teacher training, resources and classroom support

## FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL REQUIRED

Any local funding measure would continue to require fiscal accountability provisions, including:

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

**We Want to Hear from You.** As we continue to plan for the future of our schools, we would like to hear your thoughts. Please contact the District at [communications@djUSD.net](mailto:communications@djUSD.net) for more information.