



Myth: Measure N is a new tax.

FACT: Measure N is a **continuation of Measure H**, with the same structure, programs supported, and maintenance of the current \$768 per parcel rate for 2024-25. The impartial analysis of the Yolo County Counsel states: “Measure N would terminate and replace the existing 2016 Measure H, which expires on June 30, 2025.” The Yolo County Counsel impartial analysis of Measure N can be found here: <https://www.yoloelections.org/candidate-services/march-5-2024-ppe/measures-and-recall/impartial-analysis-of-measure-n.pdf>

Myth: the parcel tax could go up by an unlimited amount.

FACT: Measure N is **indexed to the rate of inflation**, similar to programs **such as Social Security**. With Measure N the tax next year will be \$768 per parcel. In subsequent years, the board can vote to authorize an increase to offset inflation **up to the California CPI**, which has averaged less than 3% annually over the past 10 years. Measure N contains the **same CPI clause** as the measure it is replacing, Measure H. Over the past 8 years of Measure H the average inflation increase in the parcel tax has been \$21 a year.

Myth: Davis Schools are among the best funded schools in California.

FACT: Davis is funded at 80% of the average school district in California and **ranks 331st out of 344** joint unified school districts in the state for funding.

Myth: If Measure N passes, there is no way to end it.

FACT: Measure N **can be removed by voters or by a vote of the school board**. By making Measure N ongoing, the district is able to avoid the high cost of periodic elections and can rely on the budget needed to deliver the educational programs our students rely on, without having to face the periodic prospect of laying off more than 100 educators if a measure were not to pass.

Myth: Davis taxpayers pay for students who come into the district via an interdistrict transfer.

FACT: Students who attend Davis schools on an interdistrict transfer **provide more than \$11,000** in state funding per pupil – **contributing more than \$12,000,000 to the DJUSD budget**. 63% of these students are eligible in California Education Code to attend DJUSD schools because their **parent or guardian is employed in Davis**, while another 29% are eligible because they had previously attended a DJUSD school.

Myth: Davis schools enrollment will decline by 1,000 students over the next five years

FACT: The latest enrollment forecast provided to the District in spring of 2023 shows **enrollment remaining steady** in Davis schools over the next five years. You can view the analysis here: <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Meetings/Attachment.aspx?S=36030750&AID=446220&MID=19181>

Myth: there is no transparency on how Measure N funds would be spent.

FACT: Measure N provides for a **citizen's oversight committee**, continuing the program from Measure H. This committee reviews expenditures and issues an annual report accounting in detail all funds spent from the measure. These findings are presented and discussed at an open public board meeting each year. The 2022-23 report is available here: https://cdnsm5-ss18.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_117089/File/Departments/Business_Services/Parcel_Tax_Committee/Parcel%20Tax%20Measures%202023%20Report%20FINAL%20-%202.9.23.pdf

Myth: The senior exemption is being removed / seniors who seek the exemption have to refile.

FACT: Measure N continues the **same exemption option** available to senior citizens as part of Measure H. Senior citizens who have already filed for the exemption do not need to refile.

Myth: Measure N is being put on the ballot because the District says teachers are not paid enough / Davis Teachers are paid more than teachers in all of the surrounding communities.

FACT: Measure N is not about teacher compensation. Rather, Measure N is about funding specific programs – and the educators who deliver them -- at both the elementary and secondary levels. Measure N will have **no impact on individual teacher compensation**, but rather maintain the 100+ teachers employed on the programs that the parcel tax funds. The Davis teacher pay scale is similar to the scales of our surrounding communities. The two primary factors that impact an individual teacher's compensation are years of experience (step) and level of education completed (column). Davis teachers on average have more years of seniority and a more advanced level of education than those of many other districts, which benefits our students and community.