

Livermore Valley Joint Uni ed School District
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MAINTAINING

Excellent Education in Livermore Valley Schools



Dear Neighbor,

As our community continues to navigate these challenging times, I am proud to report that Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) students are back in the classroom — learning, thriving and staying healthy. Thank you to our parents and our community for your patience as we navigated the world of remote learning and other challenges of this past year. With our students and teachers back enjoying full day, in-person learning, we can return our attention to addressing other challenges and opportunities.

Since 2004, our community has supported local parcel tax funding to maintain excellent educational programs for Livermore students. We are thankful for our community's investment that supports important academic programs including elementary school science specialists, technology specialists, advanced courses in math, science and engineering and academic support materials such as textbooks and high school lab materials.

Voter-approved parcel tax funding is set to automatically expire in July 2022. Our Board of Education is currently evaluating options for potentially renewing this funding.

We appreciate our community and we want to hear from you. If you have any questions or feedback about school district funding or a potential parcel tax renewal measure please reach out. For any financial questions or inquiries about parcel tax senior exemptions, please contact Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, skinder@lvjUSD.org. For any questions about academic programs, please contact Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, mtheide@lvjUSD.org.

Regards,

Kelly Bowers, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District



For almost 20 years, LVJUSD schools have relied upon locally-controlled school funding approved by our community to retain quality teachers and core academic programs. This funding is now set to automatically expire in July 2022. If this local funding expires, LVJUSD will lose approximately \$4 million in annual revenue. Cuts of this magnitude would force our District to re-evaluate budget expenditures that could result in increased class sizes, reduced educational course options and fewer teaching positions.

Opportunity to Renew Expiring Local Funding – Without Increasing Taxes

In order to maintain the quality of education in LVJUSD schools and prevent cuts to programs and teachers, the LVJUSD Board of Education is considering placing a local parcel tax renewal measure on the May 2022 special election ballot. The measure would extend, but not increase, the current annual tax rate of \$138 per parcel for 7 years, and provide a stable, dedicated source of local funding to:

- Provide elementary science and TK-12 technology specialists
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Maintain academic achievement in math, science, reading, writing, engineering and technology
- Keep classroom technology and instructional materials up to date
- Maintain small class sizes

Fiscal Accountability Would Continue to Be Required

- All money raised by this measure would continue to be controlled locally and only go to LVJUSD schools
- No funds could be taken away by the State
- None of the money raised could be used for administrators' salaries
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and audits would continue to be required to ensure funds are spent as promised
- Senior citizens over the age of 65 would continue to be eligible for an exemption from the cost of the measure

