

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure A

Menlo Park City Elementary School District is being dishonest with voters. Total revenue growth, mostly from property tax gains, is MORE THAN SUFFICIENT to fund enrollment growth.

Year	MPCSD Revenue (% increase)	MPCSD Enrollment
2011-12	\$25,906,292	2719
2012-13	\$29,464,452 (13.7%)	2799 (3.4%)
2013-14	\$32,341,123 (9.8%)	2903 (2.9%)
2014-15	\$38,089,792 (17.8%)	2904 (0.03%)
2015-16	\$42,269,175 (11%)	2940 (1.2%)

Current state funding at \$3,204,186 already exceeds 2010's funding (\$2,133,566) when the TEMPORARY parcel tax was passed. The state funding percentage actually decreased from 19% to 9% due to property tax revenue's rapid rise.

The district claims it spends less per student, but it only compares significantly smaller districts with HIGHER overhead costs. Among mid-sized K-8 districts, MPCSD has the third HIGHEST per student expenditure in California.

All basic aid districts rely on property tax revenue to fund enrollment growth. MPCSD's revenue growth surpasses nearby districts.

District	Revenue 2005-06	Revenue 2013-14	% increase
Menlo Park City Elementary School District	\$19,885,846	\$32,341,123	63%
Las Lomas Elementary School District	\$13,747,966	\$21,543,027	57%
Woodside Elementary School District	\$6,307,131	\$9,013,351	43%
Palo Alto Unified School District	\$127,659,569	\$183,061,729	43%
Hillsborough City School District	\$17,259,101	\$23,125,705	34%
Portola Valley Elementary School District	\$9,626,322	\$12,649,725	31%

ALL these districts have much lower parcel taxes. NONE propose TWO new PERMANENT taxes.

The oversight committee is window dressing. MPCSD woefully understaffs it, below its bylaw required minimum. Moreover, the committee has NO power to audit MPCSD's main budget! Where is the accountability?

If we rubberstamp every new tax proposal, MPCSD will just keep raising YOUR taxes year after year, rather than spend efficiently.

Demand fiscal responsibility! Vote NO on A.

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