



# TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **TUHSD'S REFUNDING OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SAVES TAXPAYERS MILLIONS**

Superintendent Laurie Kimbrel announced that on December 7, the Tamalpais Union High School District successfully refinanced \$36.475 million of 2001 General Obligation Bonds which have paid for modernization of Tam District schools. By refinancing the bonds (which is also known as refunding), the Tam District will dramatically lower its debt service cost to its taxpayers. A plunge in interest rates and the district's ability to enter the market quickly enabled TUHSD to lock in \$5.35 million of debt service savings and an all-in true interest cost of only 2.87% on the refunding bonds.

"This is tremendous news for the Tam District and especially for our taxpayers who will reap the benefit of lower debt service costs," Dr. Kimbrel said. The refinancing represents the second time the district has been able to reduce debt service costs paid by its taxpayers; the first refinancing was completed in June 2010 and saved \$6.0 million in debt service costs. The combined savings from both refinancings total \$11.4 million.

Standard & Poor's affirmed the Tam District's AAA rating on all outstanding general obligation bonds as well as the new refunding bonds. S&P continues to cite the district's strong economic and tax base, strong reserves, financial flexibility due to the parcel tax, conservative approach taken by the district in its budgeting practices, and the provision of accurate projections as key factors affecting the rating. The district's AAA rating is the highest possible investment grade rating and is critical to achieving the lowest possible interest rates on the bonds.

The Tam District is committed to taking advantage of favorable market conditions whenever possible to reduce debt service costs for taxpayers, and will continue to monitor the market for additional refinancing opportunities.

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