



# TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Local Funding for Outstanding High Schools

We have exceptional schools here in Tamalpais Union High School District, with outstanding academic programs and highly qualified teachers. Graduation rates are over 95% and our comprehensive high schools are ranked among the best in the country.

### **Rising Student Enrollment**

Student enrollment in our high schools has grown dramatically over the past few years and is expected to continue to increase. In fact, in the past seven years alone, student enrollment has increased by almost 30%. At the same time, however, revenue supporting our schools has not kept pace. While most schools are funded on a per student basis, we are a community-funded district, which means that we do not receive additional funding as more students attend our schools. The number of students we serve is far outpacing the dollars we receive to serve those students. We can't rely on the State to provide the funding our schools need to provide a quality education.



### **Strong Fiscal Management**

Due to the District's fiscal management over the years, the District has been able to rely on reserve funds, using over \$7 million in reserves this year. These funds will eventually run out, however, and our schools will be forced to make deep cuts if a local solution to stabilize the budget is not found.

### **Potential Cuts to Teachers and Programs**

The District has already made approximately \$2 million in cuts for the 2018-19 school year and will need to make an additional \$6 million in cuts the following year. Cuts of this magnitude would have a direct impact on the classroom and would be the equivalent of laying off over 41 teachers, increasing class sizes and cutting academic and enrichment programs. Unless additional funding is secured, our ability to attract and retain the highest quality teachers could be threatened.

### **Local Measure**

To protect the quality of education and prevent cuts to our schools, the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees voted to place a local measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot. The measure would cost \$149 per parcel per year and generate \$5.1 million in annual funding to protect our outstanding schools. The measure would:

- Protect high-quality science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing programs
- Attract and retain high-quality teachers, counselors and staff
- Maintain small class sizes
- Support music and art programs
- Provide career, college preparation and counseling programs
- Maintain school libraries

### **Ensuring Fiscal Accountability**

The measure includes fiscal accountability provisions to ensure all funds are spent as promised to directly support quality local high schools.

- All money raised by the measure would be controlled locally, would go to our local schools and could not be taken away by the State
- None of the money raised by the measure could ever be used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- The measure requires independent citizen oversight and annual audits to ensure all funds are spent as promised

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