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## Frequently Asked Questions About Local School Funding

### **How are San Ramon Valley Unified schools funded?**

SRVUSD's award-winning schools are funded through a combination of local funding measures, State funds, and donations. Because the local community has historically approved local funding measures, local students have had access to programs above and beyond what State funding can provide on its own.

### **Which local school funding sources are expiring?**

SRVUSD schools face two reductions in available school funding in the near future. Local voter-approved funding that our schools have used for almost 20 years is set to expire, unless voters again choose to renew it. Additionally, our local schools face the loss of expiring State funds.

### **What is the practical effect of these funding reductions?**

Expiring local and State funding currently accounts for \$12.8 million of the District budget. This funding supports educators, core academic programs, student mental health services, early literacy efforts, and career-technical education.

### **What is the plan to address the loss of these funds?**

SRVUSD is considering two potential ballot measures. One measure would renew an existing, voter-approved parcel tax to maintain funding without raising taxes from their current rate. The other measure would create a stable, local funding source at the rate of \$98 per parcel per year to address the loss of State funds and protect important local educational programs from the State budget situation.

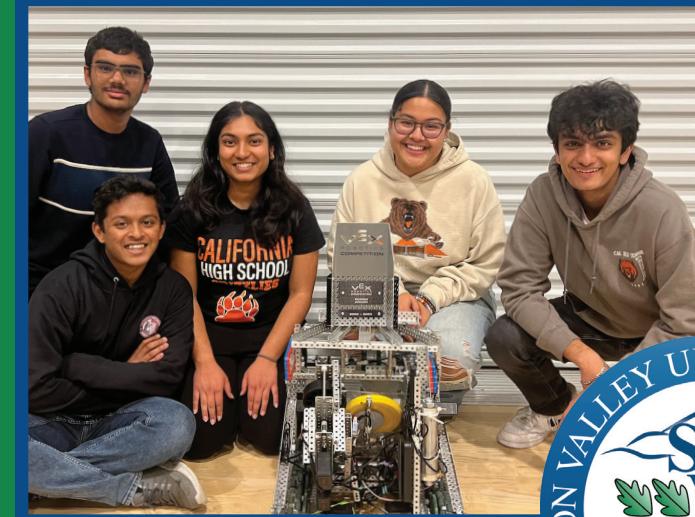
### **Would both measures include a senior exemption?**

Senior citizens can be exempted from the cost of both measures.

### **Would all funds benefit our local SRVUSD schools only?**

All funds from the potential measures would benefit SRVUSD schools only. No funds could be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

# We Asked, You Answered



Your Priorities for San Ramon Valley Unified Schools

# Attracting Quality Teachers and Supporting Core Academic Programs Are Top Priorities for Our Community

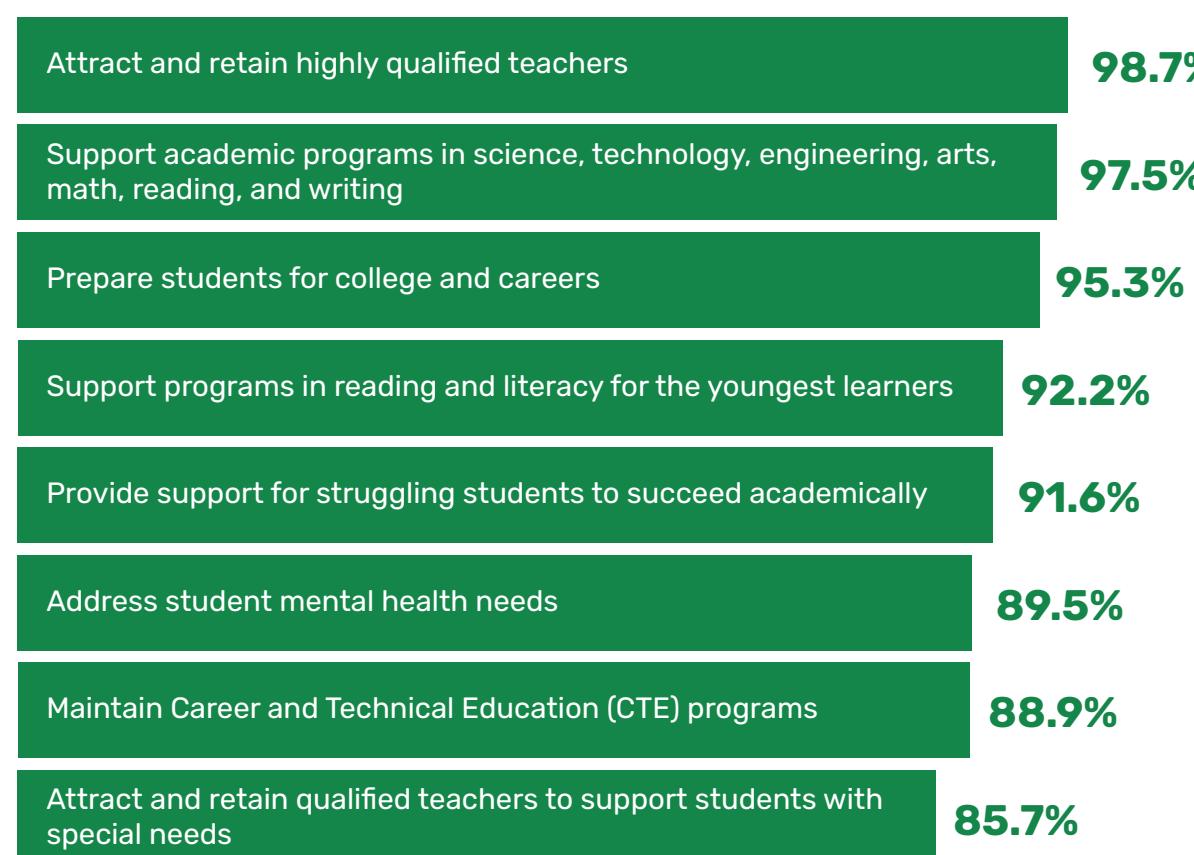
## Award-Winning Local Schools Support Student Success

San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) had more National Blue Ribbon schools this past year than any other district in the State or Nation. As one of the highest-performing school districts in the Nation, SRVUSD's graduation rate stands at nearly 97%.

Soon, local voter-approved funding that our schools have used for almost 20 years is set to expire. Additionally, our local schools face the loss of expiring State funds. Taken together, our schools face the loss of two funding sources that currently support core academic programs, early literacy programs, student mental health, and preparing students for college and careers.

## Community Priorities for SRVUSD Schools

In early May, SRVUSD mailed a survey asking you to share your priorities for a pair of potential local funding measures. With over 800 survey responses tallied, here are the top community priorities for our local San Ramon Valley schools:



*Percent of respondents marking items as a high or medium priority. Responses received through December 20, 2023.*

## Protecting Teachers & Academic Programs

To address expiring funding and community priorities for our schools, SRVUSD is considering placing two measures on the May 2024 special election ballot. The first measure would renew the expiring parcel tax funding at the current rate of \$144 per parcel, per year. The second measure would address the loss of State funding at the rate of \$98 per parcel, per year.

## Renewing Locally Controlled Funding for Our Schools

Funds from the first measure, to renew the expiring parcel tax funding, would be used to:

- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading, and writing
- Prepare students for college and careers
- Maintain Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs

## Supplementing State Funding

Funds from the second measure, to supplement expiring State funds, would be used to:

- Support programs in reading and literacy for the youngest learners
- Provide support for students struggling to succeed academically
- Address student mental health needs
- Attract and retain qualified teachers to support students with special needs



## Local Control & Accountability

The citizens' Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) has confirmed that SRVUSD schools spent past voter-approved funding as promised. Both measures being considered would include the same strict accountability requirements as past measures, including:

- All funds would be controlled locally and could not be taken away by the State
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions
- Independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits would be required
- Senior citizens and individuals with qualifying disabilities would be eligible for an exemption from the cost

## Learn More!

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