



WEST SONOMA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Measure A, on the March 2, 2021 ballot, for the West Sonoma County Union HSD

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The West Sonoma County Union High School District has been providing dedicated and excellent educational services to West County students for over 100 years. Currently, the District educates approximately 1800 students at the District's three high schools. It is through the hard work and dedication of teachers and staff that directly contribute to the education and success of our students.

Today, the scope of improvements needed at the West Sonoma County Union High School District is far greater than the current funding sources available. The District relies on a local parcel tax for part of its funding. Funds raised by this local tax, first enacted in 1993, have been used to support instructional opportunities including counseling and library services, performing arts, and technology.

To provide a stable source of funds to help offset the uncertainty of State funding, especially with the added challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic, the District and Board of Trustees have decided to place Measure A, a local parcel tax measure, on the March 2, 2021 ballot. Funds raised by this local measure will be used to provide short-term bridge funding to maintain music, arts, and career-technical education programming for all West Sonoma County Union High School District students while strategic planning takes place to determine the best long-term solution for students in our District.

Over the last several months with input from staff, teachers, parents, and community leaders, the District has prepared a Needs List for the parcel tax. This list includes:

- Maintaining and improving the schools' shop, culinary, technology and other career education programs
- Maintaining and improving the schools' art, music and drama programs
- Allowing the District to work with county and state leaders to attract outside dollars to maintain programs and electives for the next three years, and possibly beyond
- Maintaining and improving the schools' college prep programs
- Enabling El Molino and Analy High Schools to continue to offer competitive sports programs, including football, soccer, tennis and more

The attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) handout is provided to assist parents, guardians, and voters in understanding the facts behind Measure A and how its passage will affect the District, our children and the community. This letter and attached FAQ handout are provided for your information.

Sincerely,
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