

# KENTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT Providing a High-Quality Education

In the Kentfield School District (KSD), we provide an environment that challenges all students to live, learn, and lead to their fullest potential. The excellent education our local schools provide helps keep our property values and community strong.

### **Supporting Academic Excellence in Local Schools**

We are grateful that our community has supported our district with local parcel tax funding for over 30 years. This education funding helps keep our schools among the best in the state. Our district relies on this resource to keep class sizes small, attract and retain highly-qualified teachers, and maintain our proud tradition of academic excellence. This critical source of funding is now set to expire.



If local parcel tax funding expires, class sizes could increase, school libraries could close, and school staff, including teachers, aides, librarians, and counselors, could be laid off. Our schools rely on local funding to support specialized math and technology programs as well as to maintain the outstanding art, music, and elective programs critical to a well-rounded education.

#### **Continuing Local Funding**

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a measure on the upcoming March 6, 2018 all-mail ballot to continue the existing KSD annual parcel tax rate of \$1,143 per parcel, add \$355 per parcel, and bring current local education funding into compliance with recent changes in state law. This measure would:

- Maintain core academic programs, including math, science, reading, and writing
- Attract and retain highly-qualified teachers
- Maintain hands-on science and technology instruction
- Keep school libraries open and retain school librarians
- Support art, music, and PE programs
- Prevent class sizes from increasing to 30 or more students

## **Fiscal Accountability Provisions**

- All money raised by this measure would go to Bacich Elementary School and Kent Middle School in the Kentfield School District and could not be taken away by Sacramento
- None of the money raised by the measure would be used for administrators' salaries
- An independent oversight committee comprised of local community members would ensure funds are spent as promised
- Senior citizens would continue to be eligible for an exemption from the cost of the measure

#### For More Information

As the Kentfield School District considers options for improving our schools, we want to hear from you. For more information or to provide input, please visit www.kentfieldschools.org.