

# Important Information for BUSD Schools



## Addressing the Challenges of COVID-19

Berryessa Union School District (BUSD) provides local students with a quality education that challenges them to excel academically and prepares them for high school and 21st-century jobs. The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the essential role that local schools play in our community.

Beyond providing high-quality education, our local schools also provide a space for students to learn, socialize, and stay active while parents go to work. To learn more about how the District is addressing COVID-19 challenges to ensure a safe return to in-person learning, visit [tinyurl.com/busdreopening](https://tinyurl.com/busdreopening).

## Renewing Local School Funding Without Increasing Taxes

Our Berryessa schools have relied on locally-controlled parcel tax funding since 2008 to protect core academic programs and retain highly qualified teachers.

This critical source of local funding is soon set to expire. Without this funding, approximately \$1.8 million annually would have to be cut from the school district's annual budget.

To protect the quality of education and instruction in local schools, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place a measure on the November 2021 ballot to renew expiring Measure K funding. The measure would not increase taxes, but simply renew the existing parcel tax at \$79 per parcel per year for eight years to:

- Maintain core academic programs in science, technology, reading, writing, languages, and math
- Attract and retain quality teachers
- Provide learning technology
- Retain school counselors and library/media technicians
- Keep school libraries open



## Continued Fiscal Accountability

An independent committee reported that all local funds have been spent as voters intended, and the District has been open and transparent about all expenditures. The renewal measure would require the same fiscal accountability without increasing the tax rate:

- All funds would be spent in BUSD schools and could not be taken by the State
- By law, funds would be spent in the classroom, not on administrator salaries
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would be required
- Senior citizen homeowners would continue to be eligible for an exemption

## Get Involved and Share Your Opinions

We welcome your input as we work to continue our tradition of student success. For more information, please visit [tinyurl.com/busdparceltax](https://tinyurl.com/busdparceltax) or contact Kevin Franklin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, at [kfranklin@busd.net](mailto:kfranklin@busd.net) or call (408) 923-1860.