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# **Dear Berryessa Neighbor,**

As we reflect on all the challenges of the past year, we are thankful for our community's ongoing partnership. We will continue to monitor public health protocols and work with our great teachers, support staff, administrators and strong community to ensure that a return to school is done as safely as possible.

On March 9, 2021, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees took action and approved a timeline for reopening our schools and offering in person hybrid instruction. We recognize that our community has diverse needs and perspectives, and providing options for our families is needed. To view the reopening timeline visit tinyurl.com/busdreopening.

Since 2008, our community has supported and renewed Measure K, a \$79 parcel tax that provides locally controlled funding for our elementary and middle schools. This funding is set to expire, unless voters choose to renew it before the end of this year. Inside, you will find more information about Measure K and the Oversight Committee.

On behalf of the BUSD Board of Trustees and District Leadership, thank you for your collaboration and support of our schools and students.

Sincerely,

Regare Frentes

**Dr. Roxane Fuentes,** Superintendent, Berryessa Union School District

### **Our Schools**

- Brooktree Elementary School
- Cherrywood Elementary School
- Laneview Elementary School
- Majestic Way Elementary School
- Noble Elementary School
- Northwood Elementary School
- Ruskin Elementary School

- Summerdale Elementary School
- Toyon Elementary School
- Vinci Park Elementary School
- Morrill Middle School
- Piedmont Middle School
- Sierramont Middle School



如果您想要這些資訊的 越南文/中文/西班牙文 版,請前往 <u>tinyurl.com/busdparceltax</u> 或致電 (408) 923-1800。

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# UPDATE

**From Berryessa Union School District** 





# Berryessa Union School District Update

### **Maintaining Quality Education Amidst COVID-19**

Serving over 6,500 K-8 students, Berryessa Union School District (BUSD) provides a quality education that challenges students to excel academically and prepares them for high school and 21st-century careers.

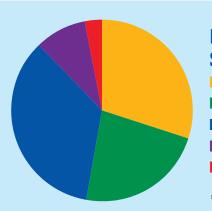
Over the past year, the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the essential role that schools play in our community. In addition to providing quality education, local schools also provide a space for students to socialize and stay active while parents go to work. To learn more about BUSD's reopening plan, visit tinyurl.com/busdreopening.



## **Measure K: Local Funding for Core Education**

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.



### **Measure K Funding Supports Our Students**

- Math Teachers 30%
- Science Teachers 23%
- Library Services 35%
- School Counselors 9%
- Technology Services 3%
- \*2019-2020 School Year Parcel Tax Expenditures





Scan here with your smartphone or tablet to learn more about Measure K, or visit: tinyurl.com/busdparceltax

**%** www.berryessa.k12.ca.us (9 (408) 923-1800

## **Oversight Committee Provides Community Accountability**

Formed in 2009, the Measure K Oversight Committee is made up of community volunteers who ensure appropriate spending of Measure K funding. Working together with the District and independent auditors, the committee meets a few times each year to review how much funding was received and how this funding was allocated and spent. Community oversight ensures that Measure K funds are kept local and spent as promised to support students.

"Each year, the Berryessa School District Citizens' Oversight Committee reviews expenditures of the parcel tax to ensure funds are only used for voter-approved purposes. As a local community member I have enjoyed working to preserve quality education in our community and am confident that Measure K funds will continue to support our students.

— Sally Owyang **Measure K Citizens' Oversight Committee** 

### **Join the Committee!**

There are currently eight open positions on the Measure K Oversight Committee. To apply:

- 1. Fill out the form below
- 2. Record your answers on a separate sheet of paper (typed responses preferred)
- 3. Tear off and mail it back to us at 1376 Piedmont Road, San Jose, CA 95132

\*This application is also available on the District website to be completed electronically at tinyurl.com/busdparceltax.

### BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE MEASURE K OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Name:		
Phone:	E-Mail:	
Address:		
Category (check one):  ☐ Certificated/CTAB Rep	oresentative BUSD Classified Representative	e 🔲 Community Member
Parent Member: (School	)	

- 1. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Measure K Oversight Committee?
- 2. What experiences and/or strengths would you bring as a member of the Committee?
- 3. What other public/volunteer service or activities have you been involved in?
- 4. What do you hope to accomplish as a member of this Committee?

\*Applicants may also add up to 3 pages of additional information including, but not limited to a resume and letters of recommendation. However, this is not a requirement of the application.

All information submitted in and with this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any of the information is found to be false or misleading my application will be disqualified and/or I will be subject to removal from the Committee.

**Signature:** Date:

