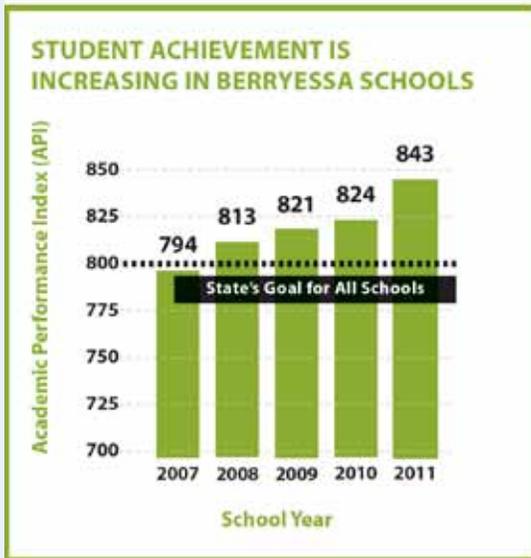


Renewing Stable Local Funding For Our Elementary and Middle Schools

Berryessa Union School District



The Berryessa Union School District provides challenging and well-rounded educational programs for local students. Our qualified teachers prepare students for high school and college, which is reflected in consistently increasing student test scores on statewide exams.

Protecting Strong Education in Our Schools

In November 2008, voters overwhelmingly approved a local education parcel tax for our schools, which is due to expire soon. This stable source of revenue provides \$1.7 million per year to protect critical academic programs and teachers. Since 2008, the State has cut \$9 million from the District's budget. That is why this existing local funding for our schools is important—it is a reliable and stable source of locally controlled funding for our schools.

Renewing Funding for Our Schools without Increasing Taxes

To maintain a top-quality education, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Education is considering placing a measure on the November 2012 ballot. The measure would renew the expiring \$79 parcel tax, without increasing the tax rate.

The Renewal Would:

- ✓ Maintain strong core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- ✓ Help schools stay safe and drug free
- ✓ Attract and retain qualified teachers
- ✓ Provide updated classroom technology
- ✓ Keep school libraries open



Fiscal Accountability Measures

- ✓ All funds would go straight to our local elementary and middle schools and cannot be taken away by the State
- ✓ An independent citizens' oversight committee would ensure all funds from this measure are spent as promised
- ✓ None of the funds could be used to increase salaries, benefits or pensions
- ✓ Homeowners age 65 and older would receive an exemption
- ✓ The renewal would expire in 8 years and could not be renewed without voter approval

We Want to Know What You Think

We invite all parents and community members to share their thoughts and ask questions about funding for our schools. No final decisions have been made and your input is critical. For questions or comments please contact Superintendent Will Ector at info@berryessa.k12.ca.us