

ONLY TOGETHER...can we save our schools!

Dear Parent:

The defeat of Measure E, our local parcel tax originally passed by our community in 2009, sent shockwaves through our schools. Without this stable source of local funding, approximately \$4.1 million will have to be cut from our school district's annual budget – resulting in the lay off of over 30 teachers that provide instruction in advanced academics, arts and physical education.

WHAT CAN EACH OF US DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

You can make a difference by **voting YES on Measure E** and **donating to the San Marino Schools Foundation before May 15**. Both these actions are pivotal for the continued excellence of our schools and to avoid catastrophic deterioration of our schools.

VOTE FOR MEASURE E ON JUNE 29

Our first priority is to pass Measure E this June 29. Now, more than ever, renewing the parcel tax before it expires in June is critical. If Measure E fails, the District faces devastating losses, which cannot be minimized. This critical funding generates \$4.1 million annually for 6 years to keep highly qualified teachers, preserve small class sizes, protect arts and physical education, and maintain advanced and honor academic courses that prepare students for success. We cannot imagine what our schools would look like without these monies.

We ask you to step up, get involved and VOTE Yes in the June 29 all mail-ballot election.

DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS - 100% PARTICIPATION

Your donation will make a difference by helping us bring back as many of our highly qualified teachers as possible for the 2021-22 school year. Foundation funds is only a one-time solution; Measure E needs to pass in June to provide a stable source of revenue; otherwise, we may need to fundraise again for these same teaching positions this time next year.

We urge you to donate to the Foundation. For the last five years, the Foundation has asked parents to donate \$2,500 per child to close the funding gap. Donations of any size help to directly fund our teachers. Our goal is 100% participation at any donation level. Thank you to all families who have already given so far this year. **If you have yet to give, please donate today by visiting our website www.smsf.org or returning the enclosed card.**

This past year, these past few months, has been difficult, but this is the time for our community to shine and show how much we value excellence in education for our students.

**PLEASE VOTE FOR MEASURE E ON JUNE 29!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO 100% PARTICIPATION IN OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!**

Together in Excellence,

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