

RESOLUTION NO. 54/2023-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE RENEWAL OF AN
EDUCATION PARCEL TAX**

RESOLVED by the Governing Board ("Board of Education") of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (the "District"), a District of the County of Contra Costa, State of California that:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to preserving quality in educational programs and providing the best possible education to all of the District's students; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Section 50079 of the California Government Code (the "Government Code") authorize a school district, upon approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting upon the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Board of Education determined that, in order to maintain quality education for the students of the District, it was advisable to call an election to authorize a qualified special tax and, on that basis, the Board of Education, ordered such an election; and

WHEREAS, in April 2004, a measure to authorize a qualified special tax was approved by more than two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters of the District voting upon the measure; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 and again in 2015, measures to renew and reauthorize the qualified special tax were approved by more than two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters of the District voting upon the measures; and

WHEREAS, the qualified special tax approved in 2015 will expire in 2025;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that, in order to continue meeting the educational needs of all of the District's students and to provide stable local funding for area schools, it is necessary to renew and reauthorize the existing qualified special tax; and

WHEREAS, if approved by local votes, funds from a potential parcel tax renewal measure could continue to be used to: (a) attract and retain teachers; (b) support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading, and writing; (c) and prepare students to compete in college and careers.

WHEREAS, the measure to renew local school parcel tax funding would continue existing fiscal accountability requirements, including an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory annual audits to ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, homeowners age 65 and over, individuals with disabilities and qualifying low-income people as described below would be eligible for an exemption from the cost of the measure pursuant to Government Code section 50079; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 (d) of Article XIII C of the California Constitution requires an election to be conducted before any special tax may be renewed or imposed; and

WHEREAS, Section 4000 (c)(8) of the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code") authorizes the District to conduct an election on a special tax measure wholly by mail on an established mailed ballot election date; and

WHEREAS, May 7, 2024, is an established mailed ballot election date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing after due notice regarding the proposed authorization of the qualified special tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code (the "Education Code") and authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now desires to order the calling of an election by all-mailed ballots within the boundaries of the District on May 7, 2024, for the approval of the renewal and reauthorization of the qualified special tax and to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the measure to be submitted to the voters at the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Education of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Specifications of Election Order. This resolution shall stand as the order to the Superintendent of Schools (the "Superintendent of Schools") of the County of Contra Costa (the "County") to call an election by all-mailed ballots within the boundaries of the District on May 7, 2024, for approval of the local special tax measure contained in Section 3 hereof. The authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5304 and 5322 of the Education Code and Section 50079 of the Government Code.

Section 3. Specifications of Ballot Measure. The Board of Education hereby requests the Registrar of Voters of the County (the "Registrar of Voters") to submit to the voters of the District on May 7, 2024, the following ballot measure (indented language):

**SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL EDUCATION FUNDING RENEWAL MEASURE OF 2024**

This Measure may be known and referred to as the "San Ramon Valley Unified School District Local Education Funding Renewal Measure of 2024" or as "Measure ___". *[designation to be assigned by the Registrar of Voters]*

TERMS AND PURPOSES

Terms. Upon approval of two-thirds of those voting on this measure ("Measure"), the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (the "District") shall be authorized to levy a qualified special tax (the "Education Parcel Tax") of \$144 per year on each parcel of taxable real property in the District for no more than nine (9) years, commencing July 1, 2025, upon the expiration of the existing education parcel tax of \$144 per year approved by the voters of the District in 2015.

To account for the impact of inflation on the cost of delivering the classroom programs and student services supported by the education parcel tax, the tax rate shall be adjusted annually, commencing July 1, 2026, by no more than the average of the reported monthly or other periodic percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA area over the prior twelve months, as of April 1 of each year, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest dollar. If, in any given year, that index is not available, then the rate will be adjusted based on the changes in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

Purposes. The proceeds of this Measure shall be authorized to be used to fund: (a) the attraction and retention of teachers; (b) support of academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading, and writing; (c) and preparation of students to compete in college and careers.

Exemptions - Senior Citizens; Recipients of Supplementary Security Income for a Disability and Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits. In order to provide tax relief to senior citizens within the District, any parcel owned and occupied by a person 65 years of age or older shall be exempt from the Education Parcel Tax upon proper application to the District. Any parcel owned and occupied by persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age or by persons receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall also be exempt upon proper application to the District.

All exemptions shall be available pursuant to procedures to be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District (the "Board of Education") or otherwise as required by law or by the Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector") of the County of

Contra Costa (the "County"). Senior citizens with a current valid exemption under the District's 2015 Measure A, shall continue to be exempt and not be required to reapply, subject to those procedures.

ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall establish an independent citizens' oversight committee ("ICOC") comprised of such members as the Board of Education shall determine to review expenditures of the moneys raised under this Measure in order to ensure that such moneys are applied only to authorized purposes. The Board of Education shall provide by resolution for the composition, duties, funding and other necessary information regarding the committee's formation and operation.

Independent Annual Audit. Upon the levy and collection of the Education Parcel Tax, the Board of Education shall cause an account to be established into which the proceeds shall be deposited. For so long as any proceeds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause the ICOC or Chief Business, or designee to prepare a report to be filed with the Board of Education no later than March 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2025, stating (a) the amount collected and expended in such year, and (b) the status of any projects or description of any programs required or authorized to be funded under this Measure. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent of the District shall determine, and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Education.

Use Limited to Specific Purposes. All of the purposes named in this Measure shall constitute the specific purposes of the Education Parcel Tax, and proceeds of the tax shall be applied only for such purposes.

LEVY AND COLLECTION

The Education Parcel Tax shall be collected by the Tax Collector at the same time and manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. Unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. The collection of the Education Parcel Tax shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

"Parcel of taxable real property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District which receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Tax Collector's Office. All property which is otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the Education Parcel Tax in such year. Parcels owned and occupied by persons 65 years of age or older, by persons receiving Supplemental Security Income for a

disability, regardless of age, or by persons receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age, whose yearly income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall be exempt from the Education Parcel Tax as provided in this Measure (respectively, "Senior Citizen," "SSI" and "SSDI" exemptions).

The District shall annually provide a list of parcels which the District has approved for a senior citizen, SSI or SSDI exemption from the Education Parcel Tax to the County tax collection officials. The County Assessor's determination of exemption or relief for any reason other than the senior citizen, SSI or SSDI exemption of any parcel from taxation shall be final and binding for the purposes of the Education Parcel Tax. Taxpayers wishing to challenge the County Assessor's determination must do so under the procedures for correcting a misclassification of property pursuant to Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable procedures. Taxpayers seeking a refund of Education Parcel Taxes paid shall follow the procedures applicable to property tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Education hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Measure concur, that every section and part of this Measure has independent value, and the Board of Education and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Section 4. Abbreviation of Measure. Pursuant to Section 13247 of the Elections Code and Section 5322 of the Education Code, the measure contained in Section 3 hereof shall be abbreviated in the following form, and the Board of Education hereby directs the Registrar of Voters to cause the exact wording of the abbreviated measure to appear on the ballot:

"To renew expiring local school funding that cannot be taken by the State; attract/retain highly qualified teachers; support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading, and writing; and prepare students to compete for college and careers; shall San Ramon Valley Unified School District's measure renewing its existing \$144 annual parcel tax be adopted at the same rate, providing approximately \$6.8 million annually for 9 years, with annual adjustments, senior exemptions, independent oversight, no funds for administrator salaries?"

Section 5. Required Vote. Pursuant Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, the above measure shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 6. Conduct of Election. (a) *Request to Registrar of Voters.* Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code, the Registrar of Voters is requested to take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

(b) *Voter Pamphlet.* The Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to reprint the measure in its entirety (that portion of Section 3 hereof which is indented) in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to Section 13307 of the California Elections Code (the "Elections Code"). If the measure in Section 3 will not be reprinted in the voter information pamphlet in its entirety, the Registrar of Voters is hereby requested to print, immediately below the impartial analysis of the measure, in no less than 10-point boldface type, a legend substantially as follows:

"The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure ____ . If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters at 925-335-7800 or the San Ramon Valley Unified School District at 925-552-5500 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Measure ____ is also available on the Internet at <http://www.srvusd.net>. "

(c) *Consolidation.* The Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors of the County are requested to order consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

(d) *Canvass of Results.* The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized to canvass the returns of the election pursuant to Section 10411 of the Elections Code.

(e) *Election Costs.* The District shall pay all costs of the election approved by the Board of Supervisors of the County pursuant to Section 5421 of the Education Code.

Section 7. Appropriations Limit. The Board of Education shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the qualified special tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 8. Ballot Argument. The President of the Board of Education, or designee, is hereby authorized, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the measure contained in Section 3 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot argument of the Board of Education as sponsor of the measure.

Section 9. Filing of Order of Election. The Secretary of the Board of Education is ordered to cause certified copies of this resolution and order to be delivered not later than February 9, 2024 (which date is not fewer than 88 days prior to the date set for the election), to the Superintendent of Schools, the Registrar of Voters, and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

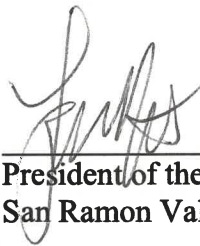
Section 10. Formal Notice. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to prepare and execute a Formal Notice of Parcel Tax Election and consolidation order in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Formal Notice"), and to call the election by causing the Formal Notice to be posted in accordance with Section 5362 of the Education Code no later than February 7, 2024 (which date is not fewer than 90 days prior to the date set for the election), or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The Secretary of the Board of Education, on behalf of and as may be requested by the Superintendent of Schools, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

Section 11. Further Authorization. The members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of the District, the Chief Business Officer of the District, and all other officers or their designees are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, including making alterations to the Measure and Full Ballot Text stated in Section 3 and the Notice stated in Exhibit A hereto to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Superintendent, in the best interests of the District.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, January 30, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: *Bratt, Clark, Ordway, vanZee, Hurd*
NOES: *None*
ABSTAIN: *None*
ABSENT: *None*



President of the Board of Education
San Ramon Valley Unified School District

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Education
San Ramon Valley Unified School District

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF

FORMAL NOTICE OF PARCEL TAX ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District of the County of Contra Costa, California (the "District"), that in accordance with the provisions of the California Education Code (the "Education Code") and the California Government Code, an election will be held by all-mailed ballots on May 7, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the measure summarized as follows:

"To renew expiring local school funding that cannot be taken by the State; attract/retain highly qualified teachers; support academic programs in science, technology, engineering, arts, math, reading, and writing; and prepare students to compete for college and careers; shall San Ramon Valley Unified School District's measure renewing its existing \$144 annual parcel tax be adopted at the same rate, providing approximately \$6.8 million annually for 9 years, with annual adjustments, senior exemptions, independent oversight, no funds for administrator salaries?"

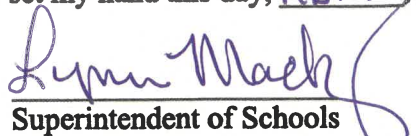
Tax – Yes

Tax – No

By execution of this formal Notice of Election, the Superintendent of Schools of County of Contra Costa (the "Superintendent of Schools") orders consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same.

The Superintendent of Schools, by this Notice of Election, has called the election pursuant to a resolution and order of the Board of Education of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, adopted January 30, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of Education Code sections 5302, 5325 and 5361.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this day, Feb. 1, 2024.


Superintendent of Schools
County Contra Costa, California

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

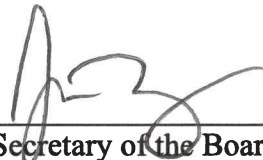
I, John Malloy, Secretary of the Board of Education of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on January 30, 2024, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Education had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present; and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: *Bratt, Clark, Ordway, VanZee, Hurd*
NOES: *None*
ABSTAIN: *None*
ABSENT: *None*

An agenda of said meeting was posted at least 72 hours before said meeting at 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief general description of said resolution appeared on said agenda.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office; the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting and entered in said minutes; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 30th day of January, 2024



Secretary of the Board of Education
San Ramon Valley Unified School District