Maintaining High-Quality Education in Belmont-Redwood Shores Schools

Belmont-Redwood Shores School District (BRSSD) provides local students with the tools they need to succeed in high school, college and the world in which they will live and contribute. Our strong schools are at the heart of our community and contribute to our quality of life here in BRSSD.

Closing the Funding Gap—Preventing Deep Cuts to BRSSD Schools

While BRSSD schools provide an excellent education, BRSSD’s per student funding is below the state average and among the lowest in the county. Local schools currently rely on a dedicated, stable local funding source to help make up for this gap, but that funding is set to expire soon. Without it, our schools would have to make cuts to academic programs and layoff teachers.

Renewing local funding would help BRSSD schools prepare students to compete at the high school level and beyond, as well as maintain smaller class sizes to ensure students get more individualized attention from teachers.

Measure C: Renewing Local Funding to Protect Quality Academic Programs and Teachers

To maintain core academic programs and highly qualified teachers in local schools, the BRSSD Board of Trustees recently voted unanimously to place Measure C, a local parcel tax renewal measure, on the June 2022 ballot. Measure C would not increase the current tax rate, but instead, combine and renew two existing parcel taxes at the current $292 per parcel, per year rate, for 10 years, with an added cost-of-living adjustment.

Measure C would provide $3.5 million in annual, locally controlled funding to:

- Protect core academic programs in science, technology, engineering, reading, writing, and math
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Maintain accelerated math and innovative programs
- Keep school libraries open

Continued Fiscal Accountability and Local Control Required

- All funds stay in local schools – the State can’t take one penny
- No money can be spent on administrators’ salaries
- Independent citizens’ oversight will ensure funds are spent as promised
- Seniors over the age of 65 and those receiving SSI or SSDI are eligible for an exemption from the cost of Measure C

Learn More

For more information or for questions about the Measure C renewal, please visit www.brssd.org/renewalmeasure or email questions@brssd.org.
Award-Winning Schools and Programs

3,970 students in 7 schools

- **Cipriani**
  Green Team Environmental Efforts Kent Award (2016)

- **Fox**
  National Blue Ribbon School (2020)

Nesbit K-8
Science for All Kent Award (2020)

Redwood Shores
Preschool Buddies Program Kent Award (2018)

Central
Blue Wave Kent Award (2020)

Sandpiper
Excellence Award at the VEX Robotics World Championships (2016)

Ralston Middle School
San Mateo County Office of Education Achievement in Motion (2018)

California Distinguished Schools
Ralston Middle School (2021) • Central (2020) • Cipriani (2018) • Sandpiper (2018)

**The Challenge**

Our District continues to perform well, but we are facing greater cuts that directly impact the ability for students to succeed. BRSSD's per student funding is among the lowest in the County, and the gap continues to grow.

Funding Challenges for BRSSD

San Mateo County Elementary School Districts Per Student Funding (Parcel Tax Funding Included)

Measures K and R help provide additional funding for BRSSD schools

- **Woodside**: $34,543
- **Portola Valley**: $31,105
- **Los Lomitas**: $29,933
- **Brisbane**: $29,208
- **Mountainside**: $29,487
- **Daybreak**: $19,944
- **Hillsborough**: $14,671
- **San Carlos**: $14,351
- **San Bruno Park**: $13,805
- **Redwood City**: $13,095
- **Belmont-Redwood Shores**: $10,812

K-8 District

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BRSSD Without Parcel Tax Funding