



Measure H2008

A Parcel Tax to Benefit the Santa Barbara High School District

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, voters in the Santa Barbara High School District will be asked to pass, with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the electorate, a special tax on property in the district for the purpose of providing quality education programs to more than 10,000 students served by the school district.

The amount per homeowner funded by Measure H2008 will be \$23 per year. This special tax will last for four years, beginning in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009 and ending in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

The Santa Barbara High School District strives to offer a high-quality educational program to all students in the district. Faced with inadequate state funding, the district stretches and leverages every budget dollar and a parcel tax dollars would be used to restore and strengthen the high-quality educational program the district delivers.

How does the parcel tax support student achievement and high quality instruction in the Santa Barbara High School District?

- Supplements math, science, and technology education
- Supplements music, arts and theater programs at the junior high school level
- Supplements foreign language at the secondary level
- Restores ninth-grade math class sizes

How do I know that the parcel tax funds will be spent fairly and wisely and will there be safeguards?

- An independent citizens' oversight committee will be established to monitor funds and make sure they are spent properly.
- None of the parcel tax funds would be used for administrative salaries.
- The district will make no commitment beyond four years to maintain programs paid for by the parcel tax.
- The operating expenses of programs paid for by the parcel tax would not exceed the normal indirect rate permitted by the state.
- The parcel tax funds would be equitably distributed so that the districts' charter schools would share in the funding, proportional to the enrollment of students from the Santa Barbara High School District.
- The parcel tax will expire at the end of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.
- The state cannot touch one dollar of parcel tax funds; every dollar will stay in our local community.

A parcel is defined as any parcel of land that lies wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Santa Barbara High School District, for which the Santa Barbara County Assessor has assigned an assessor's parcel number.

Senior exemption: An exemption from the special tax shall be granted annually by the school district on any parcel owned by any owners 65 years of age or over of a parcel used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes, upon annual application for exemption.

The ballot text is as follows: **"To offset severe state budget cuts to our schools; protect the quality of education; enhance math, science, and technology education; supplement music, arts, foreign language and theater programs at the secondary level; and restore math class size reduction; shall Santa Barbara High School District be authorized to implement a \$23 annual parcel tax for four years, with an available exemption for senior citizens, with independent citizen oversight, without administrative salaries, and with every dollar staying in our local schools?"**

Measure H2008 reflects board of education Resolution 07/08-42, passed June 27, 2008, and posted in its entirety on the Santa Barbara School Districts' web site: <http://www.sbsdk12.org/parceltax/index.shtml>

Adams Elementary School	McKinley Elementary School	Roosevelt Elementary School	Goleta Valley Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School
Cesar Chavez Charter School	Monroe Elementary School	Santa Barbara Charter School	La Colina Junior High School	La Cuesta Continuation High School
Cleveland Elementary School	Open Alternative School	Santa Barbara Community Academy	La Cumbre Junior High School	San Marcos High School
Franklin Elementary School	Peabody Charter School	Washington Elementary School	Santa Barbara Junior High School	Santa Barbara High School
Harding Elementary School				Home School Santa Barbara