

2016-17 Measure A Oversight Committee Report

In 2011, Alameda voters approved Measure A, a \$12 million per year parcel tax designed to support core values and programs in the Alameda Unified School District. This parcel tax will sunset after the 2017-2018 fiscal year, at which point Measure B1, passed by voters in November, 2016, will take effect. Pursuant to the terms of Measure A, an Oversight Committee was formed to annually review the District's compliance with the terms of the measure. The Board of Education appointed committee members that were representative of various neighborhoods in the community and represented residents, families, business people, and AUSD employees. It is important to note that the Measure A Oversight Committee is not responsible for auditing the financial statements of AUSD. As per Board Policy 3221, an audit is performed by an independent, professional accounting firm annually.

The Measure A Oversight Committee met on seven different occasions to review the status of the revenues and expenditures to ensure that they are consistent and comply with the Measure A parcel tax. Agendas and minutes of those meetings can be found on the AUSD website: <http://www.alameda.k12.ca.us/measurea>. The work of the Committee included the review of AUSD staff reports on Measure A expenditures and the development of more detailed reviews of individual areas of spending and allocations by school site in an effort to improve transparency.

Recommendations made by the current Measure A Oversight Committee were adopted by AUSD staff in the attached report. The Committee concludes that the attached staff report properly reflects AUSD's expenditures of the Measure A Parcel tax revenues for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that AUSD has complied with the funding priorities established in Measure A as passed by the voting citizens of Alameda and as approved by the Board of Education.

The Committee appreciates the efforts of AUSD staff Susan Davis, April Dizon, Shariq Khan, and Dani Krueger in support of our work as a committee. We recommend that the community remains engaged in the discussion around additional sources of funding for public education. On behalf of the committee, we thank the voters for continuing to support education in Alameda via Measure B1 and encourage interested community members to consider volunteering to serve on or provide input to the Measure B1 Oversight Committee in future years.

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