

2020 LOS GATOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BY THE NUMBERS

SUPERINTENDENT'S OVERVIEW



Dear Community,

During the past four months, I've held over 28 focus groups with 500 individuals attending to gather stakeholder input for our Strategic Plan and Vision for the next five years. Reflecting on this critical feedback, I've come to firmly believe that "Untapped Potential" accurately describes our school district. As Superintendent, I understand our Los Gatos Community expects our schools to be among the absolute best in the State. I know we can get there, however there are some challenges.

Within California, Los Gatos spending per student is 20% less than the top ten similar districts. This means we spend around \$3,000 less per student than like districts. Our talented teaching staff does wonders with what they are given, but we could do so much more with appropriate funding.

The Strategic Plan will be completed by March 2020 and lays out an aspirational plan of excellence for our community. I am confident, if we all pull together, we can meet these challenges and reach our untapped potential. Our young students will be the true beneficiaries.

Yours in Education,

Paul Johnson

Superintendent

LOS GATOS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT



Established

Los Gatos Union School District was established in 1863.



Schools

Five schools make up the District:

- Fisher Middle School
- Blossom Hill School
- Daves Avenue School
- Lexington School
- Louise Van Meter School



Students

We educate 3000 students in our schools.

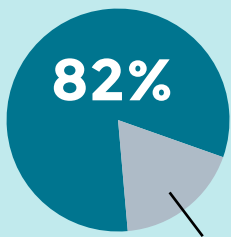


Staff

282 employees teach our students and keep our schools running.

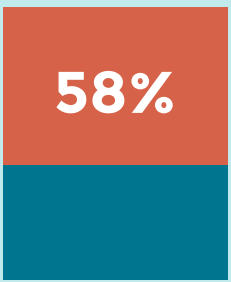
SPENDING

Staffing



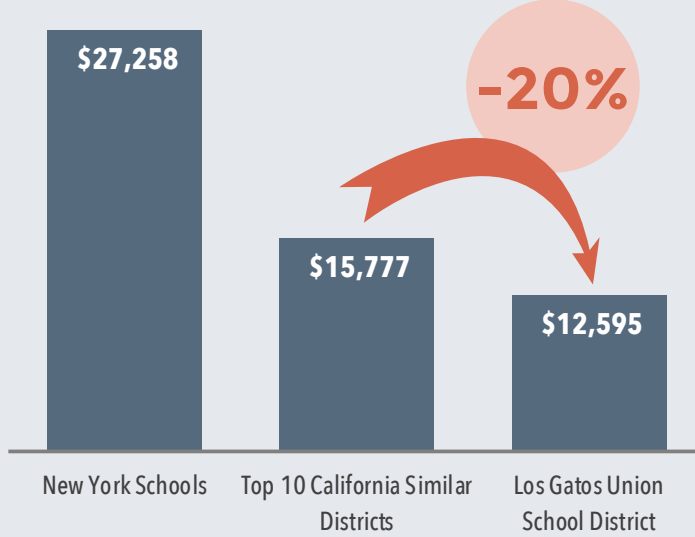
Staffing comprises 82% of the budget.

Supplies, services, capital and transfers.



58% of our teachers have advanced degrees.

Spending per Student



Los Gatos spending per student is 20% less than the top ten similar* districts.

*Similar districts are defined as:

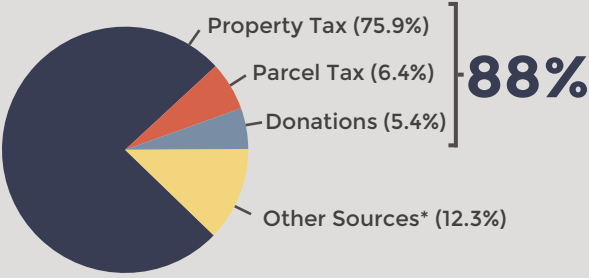
- California public elementary (K-8) school district
- 1300-4500 average daily attendance
- Less than 15% ESL and free or reduced cost meals
- Includes Hillsborough City, Saratoga Union, Solano Beach, Menlo Park City, Reed Union, Los Altos, Mill Valley, Larkspur-Corte Madera, Del Mar Union, Orinda Union

sources:
www.ed-data.org, year 2017-2018
www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/datanstat/finddata/index_choice.htm, year 2017

FUNDING

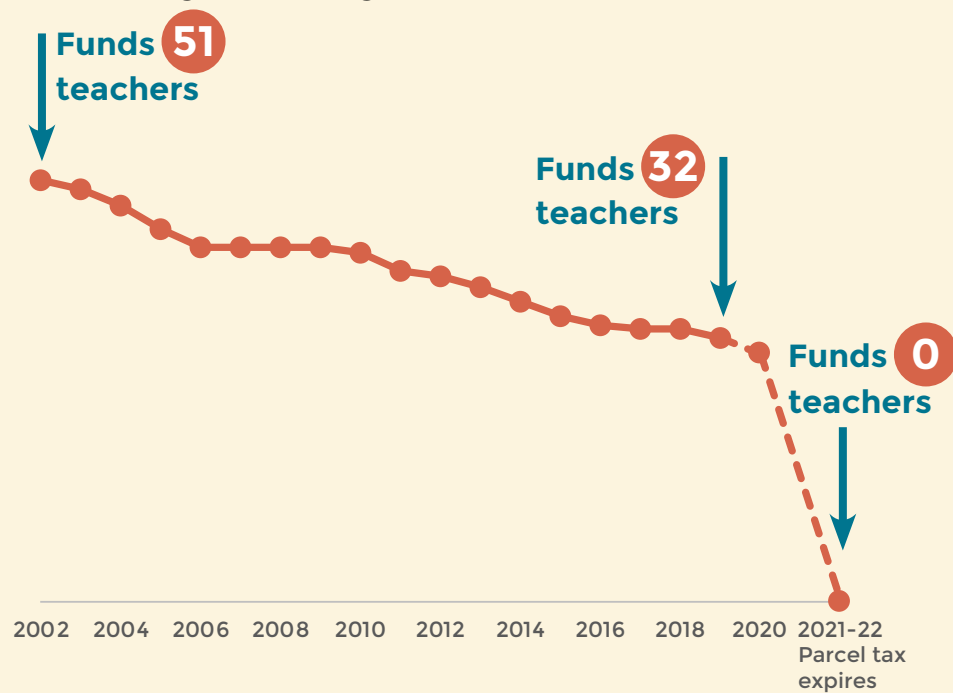
Community Funded

88% of funding comes from the local community.



*Other Sources: Federal, State, transfers, etc.

Declining Funding Power of \$290 Parcel Tax



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We have conducted an extensive community outreach process, gathering stakeholder feedback to determine District priorities for a new Strategic Plan. The plan, which will be completed by March 2020, lays out an aspirational plan of excellence for our community.

2205

2205 parents, teachers, staff, students and community members participated in an input survey to determine district priorities.

28

28 community focus group meetings were held to gather stakeholder input.

550

550 parents, teachers, staff and community members attended focus groups to share ideas.

Stay informed and get involved!

Sign up for updates on the LGUSD Strategic Plan and volunteer for future initiatives.

For more information, visit www.lgusd.org.