



PROVIDING AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATION

in Castro Valley Unified School District

High-Quality Schools in Castro Valley

Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) provides an outstanding education to local students in our elementary, middle and high schools. Students graduate from CVUSD prepared for competitive colleges and 21st-century careers, thanks to excellent academic programs and highly qualified teachers and staff.

Inadequate State Funding

We cannot rely on the State to provide the level of funding our schools need, as our District is among the lowest funded in Alameda County and has made \$1.8 million in ongoing cuts in the past few years. The Bay Area is one of the most expensive places to live in the country, and many of our teachers live right here in Castro Valley. By retaining and attracting the highest quality teachers, we can improve student achievement and continue providing a top quality education to students. In addition, high-quality academic programs and technology and career technical education are needed to continue to prepare students for the competitive economy.

Local Funding to Protect Excellent Education

To provide dedicated funding for our schools to support programs and teachers, the CVUSD Board of Education is considering placing a local parcel tax measure on an upcoming ballot. Although no final decisions have been made, the measure may cost \$96 per parcel per year and generate \$1.5 million annually for six years. A measure would provide locally-controlled funding for our schools that could not be taken away by the State or go to other communities. A potential measure may help to:

- Retain and attract highly qualified teachers
- Preserve strong academic programs in reading, writing, science, technology, engineering, arts and math
- Prepare students for college and careers
- Support the health and well-being of all students
- Keep schools clean and well-maintained



Strict Fiscal Accountability Required

To ensure funds from a parcel tax measure are spent as promised, the following fiscal accountability safeguards would be required:

- All revenue from the measure would be spent right here in our District to support local schools and could not be taken away by the State
- A citizens' oversight committee and annual audits would ensure that all funds are spent as promised
- No funds could go to administrator salaries
- Seniors would be eligible for an exemption from the cost

We Want to Hear from You

Exploring our local funding options is a community-driven process. We welcome your feedback and questions as we consider this potential measure. Please visit www.cv.k12.ca.us or contact Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi at superintendent@cv.k12.ca.us with questions or comments.