

From the Board Room ...

Notes from the Board of Education Meeting: 01/03/03

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In a unanimous vote, the Board accepted the recommendation made by the Save Our Schools Committee to place a new parcel tax on the General Election Ballot of June 3, 2003.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION PRESERVATION ACT OF 2003

To preserve the quality of local schools despite unprecedented state cuts in public education, shall the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District levy a qualified special tax of \$225 per parcel each year for 6 years exempting property owned and occupied by persons age 65 and older? Mandatory resident taxpayer oversight and independent annual audits will ensure that these revenues are used to preserve the core curriculum in all grades and prevent deterioration in quality caused by reduced state funding.

PARTIAL TEXT

TITLE AND PURPOSE

The revenues raised by this Measure, the "Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Quality Public Education Preservation Act of 2003," shall be used to prevent serious deterioration in the quality of public education in Santa Monica and Malibu in the face of large and sweeping state cuts in funding for public schools, and to promote continued student achievement in the core curriculum.

the voting block

January 30, 2003

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All major agenda items passed,
7-0 with a motion by Mrs.

Brownley

seconded by Mr. de la Torre
no abstentions, Student Vote: Aye

*Copies of all documents are
available in the Office of the
Superintendent*

2.SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The revenues raised by this Measure shall be used by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (the "District") exclusively for the following purposes:

A. To restore programs and replace funds lost or reduced due to state budget cuts (including state budget reductions that are the result of reduced federal funding of state programs);

B. To sustain achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics for all students at all grade levels and to fulfill the District's core curriculum which includes music, arts, and athletics; and

C. To protect the taxpayers' investment in education and ensure District accountability by providing for resident taxpayer oversight and independent annual audits of revenues and expenditures.

A copy of the complete text is available in the Office of the Superintendent as part of a the Minutes for the Meeting of January 30, 2003.

B U D G E T INFORMATION

A complete informational packet relative to the District's current fiscal crisis (including layoff processes, enrollment projections, memoranda of explanation, etc.,) was presented at the meeting of January 30.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

The complete package of information is being brought forward to the meeting of February 6, 2003, for discussion. It is anticipated that action on any budget cuts will not take place until February 20, 2003, at the earliest.

**February 6, 2003 - 7PM
Board Meeting
Malibu High School
Auditorium
30215 Morningview Drive**