

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Thank you to our community for your unwavering commitment to educational excellence in our public school district. Your support continues to be the foundation of our success, enabling our students, teachers, staff, parents, and community leaders to thrive together.

I'm deeply grateful for our community's overwhelming endorsement of Measure A in 2023, which passed with an impressive 75% approval. This renewed parcel tax funding is critical—representing 11% of our district budget—and allows us to maintain the exceptional academic programs and classroom instruction that define the Los Altos School District experience.

The direct impact of your support cannot be overstated. For more than three decades, locally-approved parcel taxes have provided stability in the face of uncertain and fluctuating state funding. This consistent local investment enables us to:

- Attract and retain outstanding educators who inspire our students
- Sustain our core academic programs that produce remarkable results
- Expand innovative programs that prepare students for future success

Our dedicated teachers and staff deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts contributing to every student's growth and achievement. Their expertise and passion have helped our schools consistently rank in the top 1% of more than 1,000 California school districts. Every student breakthrough, engaging elective, and classroom innovation begins with a great teacher who is supported by our community.

As we move forward together, please know that your continued investment in our schools through Measure A ensures we can maintain the educational excellence that defines Los Altos School District. In a landscape of educational funding challenges, your commitment provides the stability and resources our students deserve.

Thank you for helping keep our schools among the very best in California!

With deep appreciation,

Sandra McGonagle
Superintendent, Los Altos School District

PARCEL TAX FUNDING
FOR TEACHERS
& STUDENTS

LASD is a top-performing, innovative district with all schools earning California Distinguished School Awards. Parcel tax funding helps maintain outstanding core academic programs and attract and retain high quality teachers. The funds also contribute to leading edge STEM programs and to new modes of learning, which help ensure that LASD schools remain at the forefront of education in California. Parcel taxes help lower class sizes and support junior high electives by providing additional funding for teacher salaries. Funds also contribute to routine maintenance, as well as nursing and counseling staff.

PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS

Seniors who are owner-occupants of their homes may apply for an exemption from parcel taxes.
MORE INFO: (650) 947-1150 or [LASDSCHOOLS.ORG](https://lasdschools.org)

PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT BY THE CACF

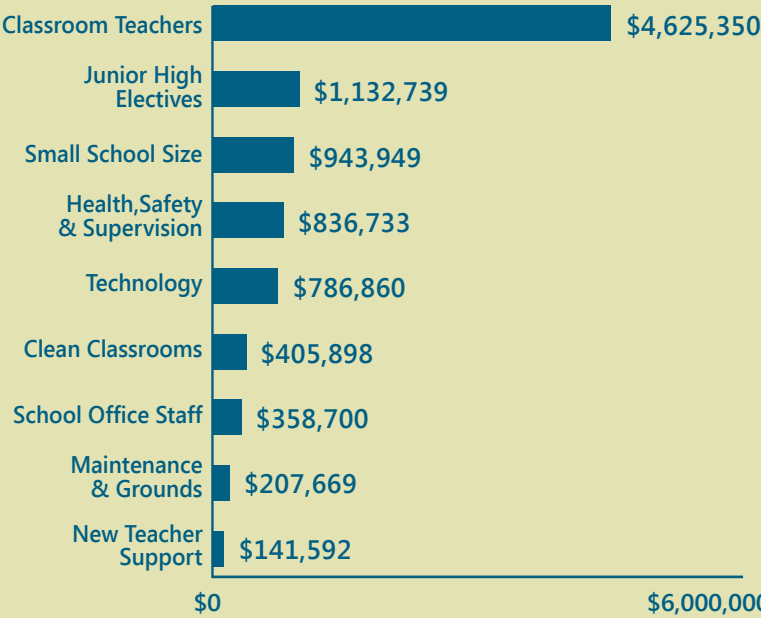
The Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Finance (CACF) is an independent committee of community members appointed by the Board of Trustees to provide oversight and accountability for parcel tax uses. Over the years, the district has implemented policies recommended by CACF regarding staff recruiting, medical premiums and budget reserves.

- CACF: [LASDSCHOOLS.ORG/CACF](https://lasdschools.org/cacf)
- District Finances: [LASDSCHOOLS.ORG/CACF/ABCs](https://lasdschools.org/cacf/abc)

CURRENT PARCEL TAX AMOUNTS

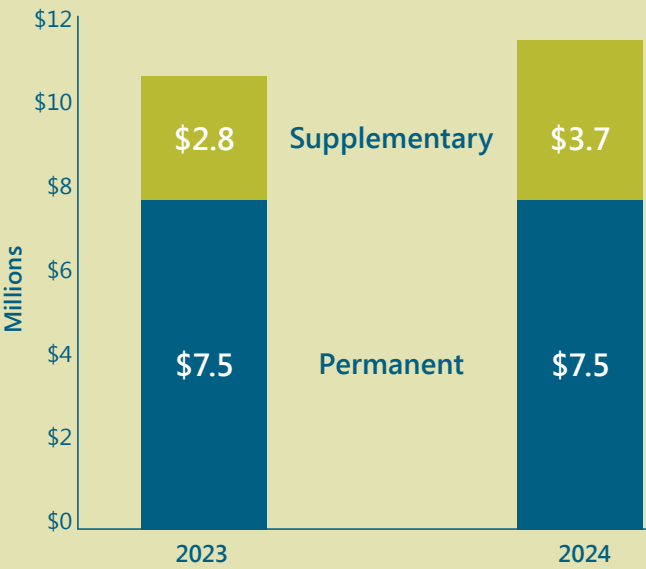
In 2023 voters approved a renewed supplemental parcel tax of \$295 (increasing 4% annually) in addition to the permanent parcel tax of \$597, for a total of \$892 per parcel in the 2023/4 tax year. These funds cannot be used for capital expenses such as new facilities or significant upgrades to existing facilities.

PARCEL TAX EXPENDITURES FOR 2023-24



The table above is a fair representation of how parcel tax proceeds were spent.

PARCEL TAX REVENUE



NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 26
LOS ALTOS
CARRIER ROUTE,
PRE-SORT

LASD
Los Altos School District
201 Covington Road
Los Altos, CA 94024

POSTAL CUSTOMER

STRONG SCHOOLS BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

The community benefits from well-funded public schools that succeed in educating and supporting our youngest community members. Award-winning schools can also attract home buyers and increase property values for all.

LASD | 9 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS



Los Altos School District

REPORT CARD fiscal year **2023-24**

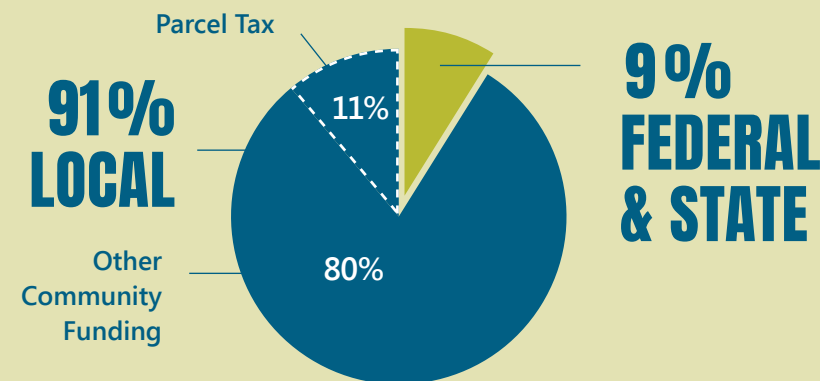
Annual Accountability Report To Taxpayers

LOCAL FUNDING IS CRITICAL FOR LASD

Los Altos School District (LASD) is a community funded district. Operating revenues primarily come from property taxes, parcel taxes, and developer fees. Parents and community donors continue to provide meaningful additional support through each school's PTA as well as the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF), which contributed nearly \$2.6M in the 2023/24 school year. As a community funded "basic aid" district, LASD generally does not receive increased government funding for state-mandated programs.

2023-2024 LASD FUNDING SOURCES

91% of LASD funding comes from the local community.



KEY CHALLENGES

The district faces significant financial challenges in the coming years. Expenses, driven by under-funded state-mandated programs and increased compensation, are forecasted to exceed revenues.

The district has focused on reducing staffing levels commensurate with recent declines in enrollment and on achieving competitive teacher and staff compensation levels when compared to similar districts.

The district is also monitoring slowdowns in property tax growth, as well as a potential decline in the modest state and federal support it does receive. Maintaining educational excellence amidst these fiscal constraints is the district's primary focus.

REVENUES PER STUDENT FOR 2023-2024

