

Measure S Fact Sheet

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, all of the voters in the Pittsburg Unified School District will be asked to vote on Measure S. Measure S is a parcel tax that will provide the School District with a reliable, local source of funds for art, music and athletics. Measure S will replace the parcel tax approved by voters in 2008. It will last for seven years and requires a two-thirds voter approval for passage.

Measure S funds will allow the district to:

- To develop a comprehensive music program where teachers ensure students have the opportunity to develop their musical talents through participation, performances, and exposure to a variety of musical traditions.
- Provide a stable, reliable source of funds to develop a comprehensive art program at each school in the District
- Dedicate specific funds for athletics throughout the District, saving money from the general fund for core academic programs.

Measure S provides for strict accountability as funds are spent. An Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will monitor and review all Measure S expenditures. This committee of local residents will make sure that all funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students. Every school in the District will be represented on the oversight committee.

Measure S is a parcel tax, not a school bond. A parcel tax charges each property owner the same amount each year. When approved by local voters, Measure S will cost property owners \$91 per year per parcel, with an annual \$6 adjustment for inflation. Parcel taxes are often used to raise local funds to support classroom educational programs. School bonds are used to pay for school construction and facility improvement projects and cannot be used to support classroom educational programs.

An exemption is available for those 65 and over. An exemption from Measure S is available to those who are at least 65 years old and own and reside in their home. Measure S also offers an exemption to homeowners who are on SSI or SSDI.

None of these funds will be spent on district administration. All of the funds raised by Measure S will be spent in our local schools and cannot be taken away by the State.

For more information about the Pittsburg Unified School District and Measure S, please visit the District's web site at www.pittsburg.k12.ca.us