

## YES on Measures G & H – Questions & Answers

### What is the history of Piedmont's School Parcel Taxes?

For over 30 years Piedmont schools have depended on local school parcel taxes to preserve and maintain essential educational programs and services. Since 1985 when the first parcel tax was passed, Piedmont residents have approved parcel taxes eight consecutive times.

### What are Measures G and H?

Measures G and H will help to:

- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers and educational support staff
- Continue funding a breadth and depth of programs in math, science, technology, engineering, English, music and the visual and performing arts
- Maintain smaller class sizes
- Provide resources to keep textbooks and instructional technology in the classroom up-to-date, as well as keep libraries open at all the schools
- Provide for counseling and advanced college prep course offerings

Measure G will renew and extend the existing parcel tax that is set to expire.

Inadequate state funding combined with the high cost of living in the area makes retaining and recruiting quality teachers and educational staff difficult. This is an issue being faced by school districts throughout the bay area and the state. Measure H will provide funds needed to support compensation strategies to attract and retain qualified teachers and support staff.

### How much will Measures G and H generate?

Measures G and H will generate \$13.4 million annually for the Piedmont schools. Measure H will cost property owners 25 cents per square foot of building improvements.

### Can funds raised for Measure G and Measure H be taken away by the state or used for other purposes?

No. All money raised by Measures G and H will stay in Piedmont to support our students.

### What would happen if Measures G and H did not pass?

A lot is at stake. Over 25% of the school district's budget is funded by the school parcel tax. If Measures G and H do not pass, up to 100 teacher positions will be eliminated, many academic and advanced programs in math, science, technology, engineering, English, music and the visual and performing arts, will be slashed, school libraries will close, class sizes will increase by as much as 40%, and it will become more and more difficult to attract and retain quality teachers and educational staff. (Over the past two years, 22 teachers left the district due to cost of living issues. Additionally, numerous teaching candidates recruited for classroom positions went to other districts for the same reason.)

### I do not have children in the schools. How will Measures G and H benefit me?

Even if you do not have school-age children, supporting Measures G and H is a wise investment. The high quality of Piedmont schools helps to protect and improve local property values.

### When is the election and who will vote on Measure G and Measure H?

Election Day is November 5, 2019. All registered voters who live within the Piedmont Unified School District boundaries are eligible to vote. To pass, each measure must receive at least 66.7% support from those who vote on the measure.