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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Piedmont Community Members,

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer. At Piedmont Unified, it's been a busy summer and we are looking forward to an exciting school year. Construction of the new high school academic classrooms and science labs are well underway and our staff is eager to begin the new school year. With students arriving in just a few weeks, I wanted to let you know of two important ballot measures concerning our schools.

The first measure is a renewal and extension of Piedmont's existing school parcel tax that is set to expire. Since 1985 when the first parcel tax was passed, Piedmont residents have approved this basic tax eight consecutive times. This local funding source helps us maintain smaller class sizes, and provides funding for art and music, world languages, advanced placement courses, school libraries, classroom technology, and student counseling.

The second measure is a companion measure that will provide critically needed funding to attract and retain high quality teachers and educational support staff. As you may be aware, inadequate state funding coupled with the high cost of living in the Bay Area makes retaining and recruiting quality teachers and educational staff difficult. Over the past two years, 22 teachers left the District due to cost of living issues. Additionally, numerous teaching candidates we've recruited for classroom positions went to other districts for the same reason. The cost of this companion measure will be 25 cents per square foot of building improvements.

It is important to note that every penny generated by these measures stays in our community to benefit our schools and Piedmont children. In the coming weeks you will be receiving more information about these two important measures. In the meantime, I want to thank you for your support of our schools and encourage you to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Randall Booker
Superintendent of the Piedmont Unified School District