

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure C

Menlo Park City Elementary School District is misleading voters. Data from www.ed-data.org and MPCSD's budget shows that increased revenue is MORE THAN SUFFICIENT to fund enrollment growth.

Year	MPCSD Revenue	MPCSD Enrollment	Increased Revenue Per Additional Student
2011-12	\$25,906,292	2719	
2012-13	\$29,464,452	2799	\$44,477
2013-14	\$32,341,123	2903	\$27,660
2014-15	\$38,089,792	2904	\$5,748,669
2015-16	\$42,269,175	2940	\$116,093

Let us compare similarly sized districts.

District	Expenditure Per Student 2013-14	Average Class Size	2012 Base API
Menlo Park City Elementary School District	\$13,006	23	940
Belmont-Redwood Shores School District	\$8900	27	919
San Carlos School District	\$9215	26	917
Saratoga Union School District	\$11,628	23	969
Los Altos School District	\$10,856	24	969

We see from the above chart that other districts maintain class sizes of 23-24 at much lower cost, some with higher API scores. From 2005-2012, MPCSD class size remained constant at 23, with per student expenditures from \$10,489-\$11,619. The district's 2015-16 budget shows revenue of \$42,269,175, approximately \$14,377 per student. So why is MPCSD claiming that without the additional parcel taxes, class sizes will rise from 23 to 31?

Menlo Park City Elementary School District is using scare tactics to get your vote.

Remember, at \$2.20 per student, they will collect \$17,307 per additional student. That is ON TOP of the rapidly increasing property tax revenue already coming in. The district has NOT explained why they need such high parcel taxes just to maintain existing programs when other high achieving districts do so with low or no parcel taxes. The sky is not falling once you look at the numbers and compare them to nearby districts.

Vote NO on Measure C.

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