



Supporting Student Success with Great Teachers and Academic Programs

Thanks to excellent teachers and strong support from parents and the community, students in our local junior high and high schools graduate prepared for college and in-demand careers.

School Funding Challenges

Nationally, California ranks among the lowest in funding per student provided to public schools and Petaluma City Schools (PCS) receives far less funding than many school districts in the North Bay. As a result, PCS is losing teachers to other nearby school districts that offer higher compensation. Many local teachers and school employees have had to take on second and even third jobs in order to support themselves and their families.



Retaining Qualified Teachers and Supporting Instructional Programs

Having a great teacher in the classroom is the most important element of providing a quality education for students. Qualified and experienced teachers support high-quality instruction in science, technology, engineering, math, writing, arts and music.

Local Funding for Teachers and Academic Programs

On November 14, our Board of Education voted to place a local education parcel tax measure on the ballot for local voters to consider on the March 5, 2024 ballot. If approved by 66.7% of voters, funds could be used in local junior high and high schools to:

- Attract and retain excellent teachers
- Enhance math, science, engineering and technology programs
- Maintain smaller class sizes
- Provide school librarians and keep school libraries open
- Prepare students for college and careers

Fiscal Accountability and Local Control

A local education parcel tax measure would include fiscal accountability protections, including:

- Funding would be controlled locally and could not be taken away by the State
- None of the money raised could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions
- Public disclosure of all spending, independent citizens' oversight and mandatory annual audits would ensure funds are spent as promised
- Homeowners age 65 and over and low income homeowners with disabilities would be eligible for an exemption

We Want to Hear from You!

We welcome your input and opinions. For more information or to ask questions, please contact communications@petk12.org.