The Cupertino Union School District is one of the top performing school districts in the state of California. The District is made up of 19 elementary schools, five middle schools, and one K-8th grade school. It serves approximately 16,740 students in a richly diverse community representing 46 different languages in a 26-square mile area that includes the City of Cupertino and portions of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Los Altos, and Santa Clara.
On May 6, 2014, voters of the Cupertino Union School District approved Measure A, renewing and consolidating Measure B and C parcel taxes. Measure A maintains the same rate previously approved by both Measure B and C and is an eight-year parcel tax of $250 per year, effective July 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2023. The parcel tax represents a significant investment by the community in supporting the District’s culture of success and student achievement. It continues to offer the same exemptions as previous measures.

Measure A Parcel Tax funds represent 4.41 percent of the District’s total budget. These funds are specifically used to:

- Protect outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- Retain highly qualified teachers
- Keep schools safe, clean and well-maintained
- Keep libraries up-to-date and retain music and art programs
- Provide updated classroom technology for a 21st-Century Education

The Cupertino Union School District maintains a Citizens’ Parcel Tax Oversight Committee which provides oversight to ensure funds collected from the parcel tax are spent in a manner consistent with the provisions of the voter approved measure. This Committee meets annually. On October 21, 2019, the Committee certified the expenditures for fiscal year 2018-2019 were spent only for purposes approved by voters.

Citizens’ Measure A Parcel Tax Oversight Committee - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Piu Ghosh
Parent/Guardian of a student in the District and current PTA member

Dan Halabe
Member At Large

Joli Chu
Parent/Guardian of a student in the District

Eleanor Watanabe
Member of Senior Community

Roberta Hollimon
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Carol Neill
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Senior Citizen Exemption

Individuals may qualify if they are 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 of the current tax year. In addition, the parcel must be located within the District and serve as their primary residence. (The senior must live in the home.)

Contiguous Parcel Exemption

This exemption allows a property owner to combine adjacent parcels (parcels that share a common border) into one taxable unit. These combined parcels must also be used solely for owner-occupied, single-family residential purposes.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI/SSDI) for a Disability Exemption

Community members qualify for an exemption if they receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI/SSDI) for a disability and the parcel is their primary residence. The community member must own and live in the home as of July 1 of the year the tax is due.

Full ballot language for Measure A is available at https://www.cusdk8.org/MeasureA

Measure A Parcel Tax – By the Numbers

- Length of Measure A: Eight Years Ending 6/30/23
- First Year Collected: 2015-2016 Fiscal Year
- Annual Amount Per Parcel: $250
- Positions Funded - Teachers & Support Staff: 80.35
- Total Funds Received in 2018-2019: $8,479,445
- Parcels Exempted: 4,416 out of 34,572

Optional Parcel Tax Exemptions

A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a tax bill from the Santa Clara County Tax Collector’s Office. Before applying for an exemption, please check your most recent tax bill. If you do not see the Measure A fee in the amount of $250 on your bill, you do not need to apply for a refund; you are already noted as exempt and will not be charged.

For information on how to apply for an exemption, please visit our website (https://www.cusdk8.org/MeasureA) or call the Business Services Department at 408-252-3000 ext. 61419
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