

Budget Update

Last week, we published an [article](#) alerting the community to several fiscal challenges AUSD is facing. This week we are providing an [update](#) and a [correction](#) to that article.

Update

In last week's primer, we explained that one budgetary concern is the fate of Measure B1, which is an extension of the current Measure A parcel tax. As we noted last week, a small group of plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the measure last February. This week, we learned that the judge in this case had issued a "tentative ruling" in AUSD's favor. While this is not a final decision, we are hopeful that the measure will stand so that we can count on the \$12 million per year it provides.

Because of this development, the Alameda County Office of Education is no longer requiring AUSD to submit a proposed list of budget cuts by mid-December. Some budget cuts still need to be made due to the other factors discussed in the primer; these will be addressed in the course of our usual budget updates to the Board of Education.

You can find information about Measure A and Measure B1 [here](#).

Correction

Another budgetary concern discussed in last week's primer was low salaries.

In that section, we noted that AUSD salaries remain among the lowest in the county even though employees have received "15%" in raises since 2013. This is not accurate. AUSD teachers have received 13% in ongoing salary increases since the 2012-2013 school year. In addition, they received a 1.25% *one-time* increase in 2013-14. In 2015-16, the district and the teacher's union also agreed to allot a 1% increase to: dental benefits; a stipend for speech therapists; and hourly salaries.

The latter two items should not have been counted as "salary increases." We apologize for the error in calculation.