

2019-20 Measure B1 Oversight Committee Report

In 2011, Alameda voters approved Measure A, a \$12 million per year parcel tax designed to support core values and programs in the Alameda Unified School District. This parcel tax ended on June 30, 2018, at which point Measure B1, an extension of Measure A that was passed by 74% of Alameda voters in November 2016, went into effect.

Pursuant to the terms of Measure B1, an Oversight Committee was formed to annually review the District's compliance with the terms of the measure. The Board of Education appointed committee members that were representative of various neighborhoods in the community and represented residents, families, business people, and AUSD employees.

This is the second report of that committee. It is a companion piece to the 2019-20 Staff Annual Measure B1 Report, which summarizes the revenues and expenditures of Measure B1 in the 2019-20 school year.

The Oversight Committee met three times to review and ensure that Measure B1 revenues and expenditures were consistent and complied with the measure's language. Agendas and minutes of those meetings can be found on AUSD's [Measure B1 Oversight Committee web page](#).

The work of the 2019-20 Committee included:

- Reviewing Measure B1 revenues and expenditures throughout the school year
- Asking for additional data on how Measure B1 revenues are being spent across and within each category
- Suggesting new ways of allocating some of the funds to better reflect AUSD's current goals, including for the "Closing the Achievement Gap" category
- Development of the annual staff and committee reports
- Discussion of new Measure A, which was designed to increase the salaries of AUSD employees and was approved by voters on the March 3 primary election.
- Discussion and approval of creating a new Parcel Tax Oversight Committee to monitor the revenues, expenditures, and reporting of both Measure B1 and Measure A.

It is important to note that the Measure B1 Oversight Committee is not

responsible for auditing the financial statements of AUSD. As per Board Policy 3221, an audit is performed by an independent, professional accounting firm annually. A sample of that audit is included in the Staff Annual Report.

Recommendations made by the current Measure B1 Oversight Committee were adopted by AUSD staff in the attached report. The Committee concludes that the attached staff report properly reflects AUSD's expenditures of the Measure B1 parcel tax revenues for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and that AUSD has complied with the funding priorities established in Measure B1 as passed by the voting citizens of Alameda and as approved by the Board of Education.

While Measure B1 doesn't solve all the issues caused by deficient state funding for public education, as members of this Oversight Committee we remain cognizant of the very valuable impact it has on our school district, and thank the voters for continuing to support education in Alameda by approving it. We also encourage interested community members to consider volunteering to serve on the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee in future years, and we recommend that the community remains engaged in the discussion around additional sources of funding for public education.

The Committee also appreciates the efforts of AUSD staff Susan Davis, April Dizon, Shariq Khan, and Dani Krueger in support of our work as a committee.

2019-2020 Measure B1 Oversight Committee

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