



PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT 2023-2024



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Message from the Superintendent

Dear PVSD Community,

I am pleased to present Portola Valley School District's fourth Annual Community Report for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

It is my honor to share with you some highlights of this past school year. We value your partnership in making PVSD a vibrant part of our shared community. Our exceptional teachers, small class sizes, inspiring instructional programs, and dedicated parent volunteers have prepared generations of local children to succeed in high school, college, and careers. Our goal is to continue that proud tradition into the 2024 – 2025 school year.



ROBERTA ZAREA

Superintendent

505

Student Enrollment

84

Certificated, Classified and Administrative Staff

Student Groups

7.1%

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

3.6%

English Learners

8.9%

Students with Disabilities

ENHANCED
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES

STEAM
Science,
Technology,
Engineering,
Arts, Math

SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL
LEARNING

STUDENT
WELLNESS

ACADEMICS

PERFORMING
& VISUAL ARTS



86%

of 3rd-8th grade students Met or Exceeded Standards on the California Mathematics Assessment

76%

of 5th and 8th grade students Met or Exceeded Standards in Science

86%

of 3rd-8th grade students Met or Exceeded Standards on the California English Language Arts Assessment

PVSD BY THE NUMBERS

95%

of parents surveyed are satisfied with the academic achievement of the District overall.

95%

of students surveyed responded: "Yes, my school is a safe and caring community."

Student : Device Ratio

For increased access to educational resources and personalized learning opportunities

1:1

Counselor : School Ratio

We are so fortunate to have a dedicated counselor at each school site!

Corte Madera School
Video Tour:

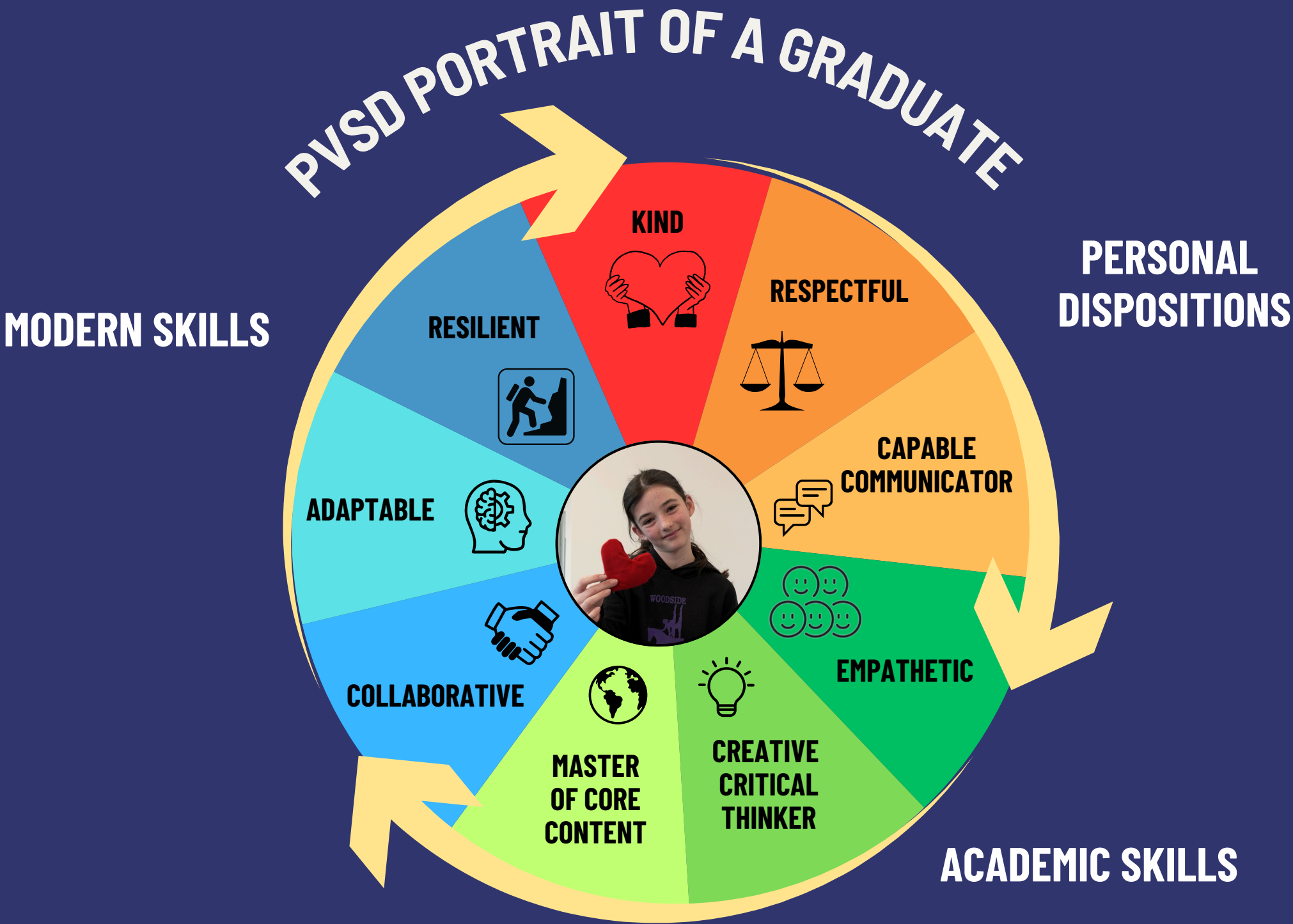


Ormondale School
Video Tour:



TEACHING & LEARNING

The Portola Valley School District teachers and staff envision a dynamic landscape where evidence-based instructional materials and practices serve as the foundation of education. Utilizing their new, state-of-the-art facilities, PVSD classroom teachers embrace creative, hands-on learning experiences, innovative technologies and strategies every day. The latest research in learning theory and instructional design engages students in a relevant curriculum meeting the needs of every student. The district believes in differentiated and personalized learning, which provides opportunities for growth for our lowest achieving students and enrichment opportunities for our highest achieving students.



Inspired
to

Explore

Prepared
to

Succeed!

PVSD IS A COMMUNITY FUNDED DISTRICT

Over 90% of funding for our schools comes from within our District community residents in the form of property and parcel taxes, and generous donations from the Portola Valley Schools Foundation.

MEASURE Z BOND MEASURE

Hundreds of Portola Valley students, staff, and community members attended the District’s ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 20, 2024, to officially celebrate its two state-of-the-art campuses. This milestone is a testament to PVSD’s collective commitment to excellence in education, and the voters’ commitment to provide an exceptional learning environment for its students. The dedication and hard work invested in the creation of these cutting-edge learning spaces underscores the District’s values and emphasis placed on education, intellectual growth, and development of students.

All year long, Corte Madera and Ormondale students and staff enjoyed the new Music, Art, and Science rooms, the dedicated STEAM Lab, middle school atrium and classrooms, and the 4th and 5th grade building adjacent to the Town’s “frog pond.” The gardens and outdoor learning spaces on both campuses were a welcome addition.



MEASURE S PARCEL TAX

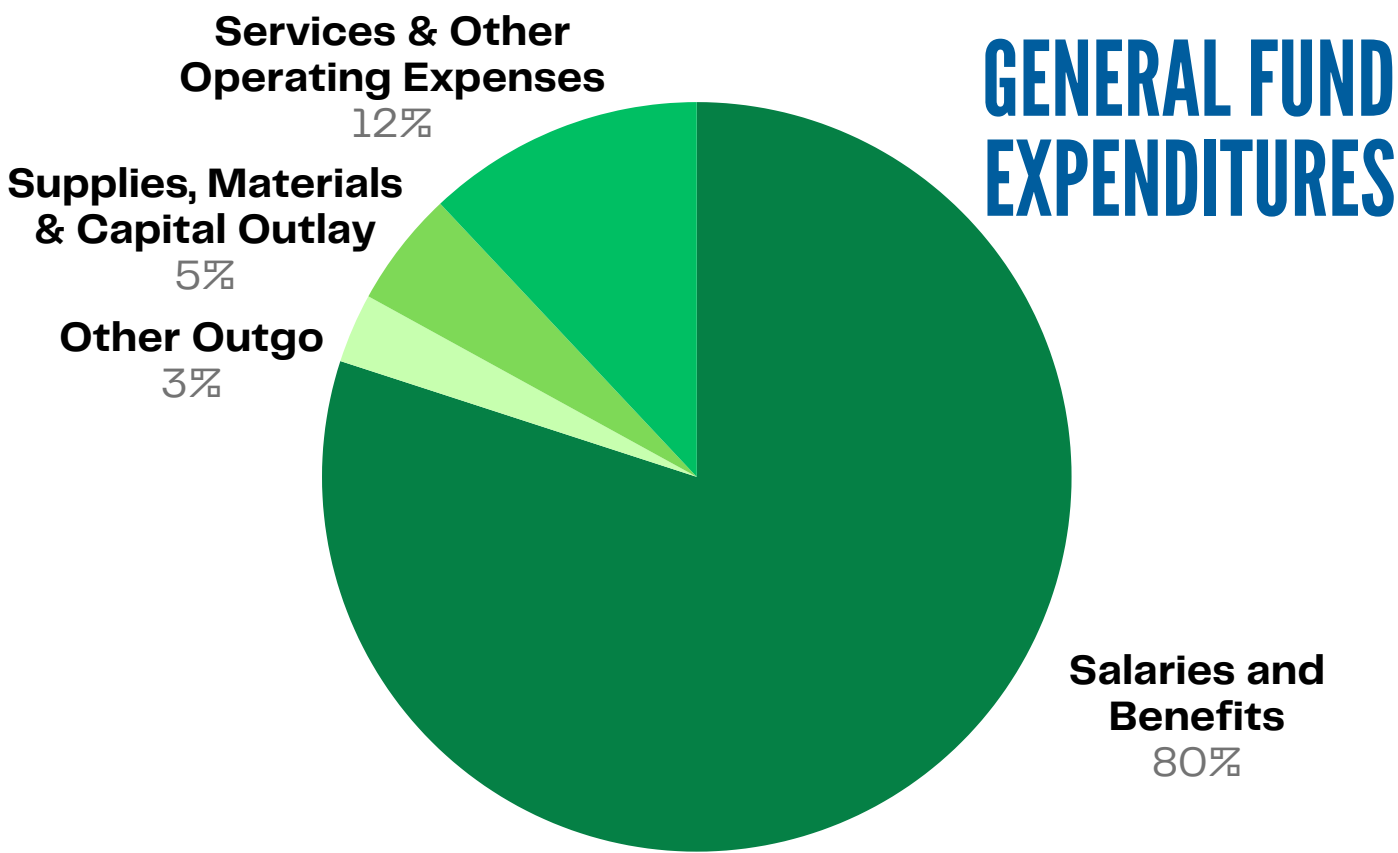
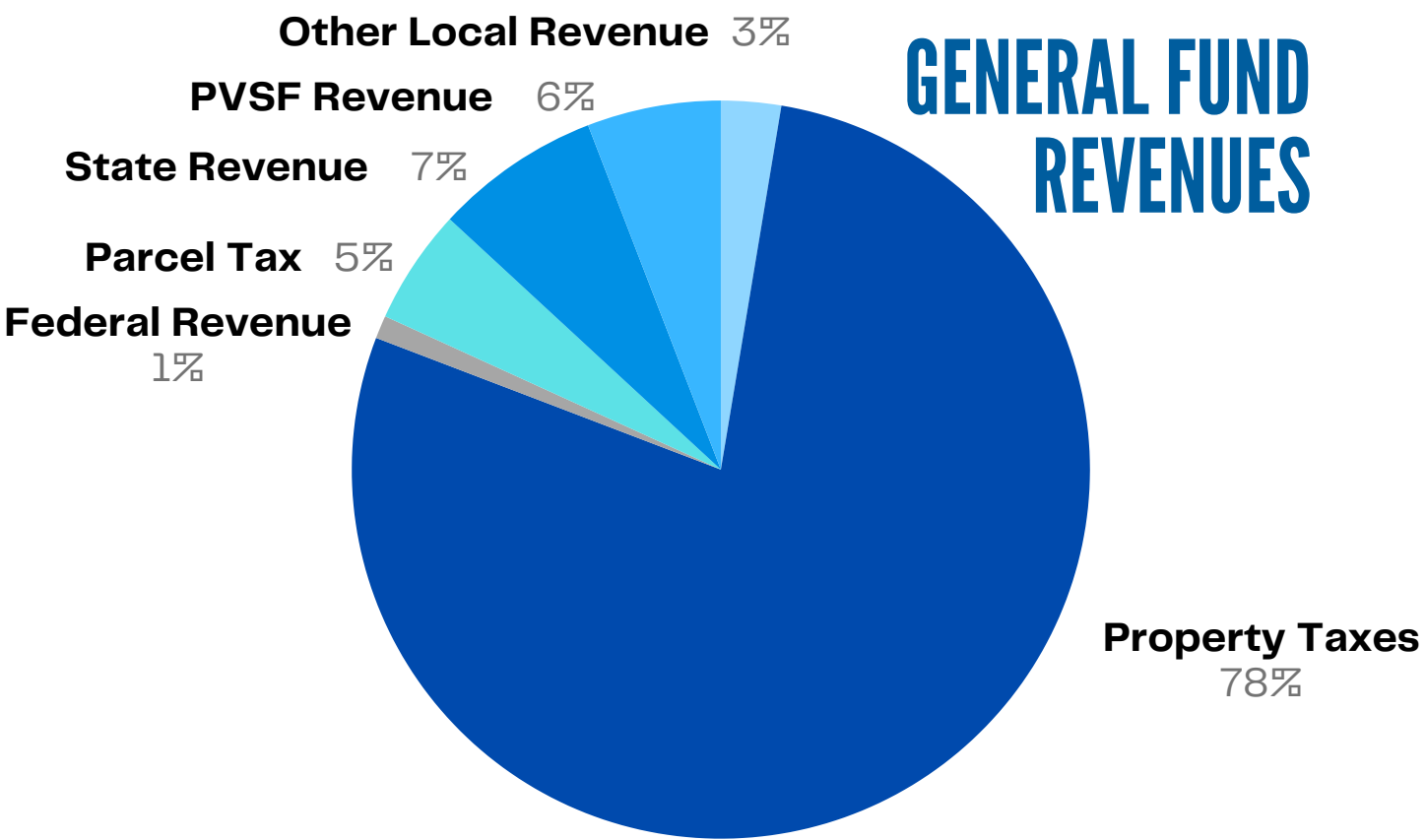
Parcel tax revenues account for approximately 5% of total District General Fund resources. The PVSD has one active parcel tax, approved by 75.1% of eligible voters on May 4, 2021, authorizing the District to levy a tax of \$471 per year on each real property parcel in the District. The term for this tax is eight years (sunsetting on June 30, 2029). Measure S funds are used to retain high-quality teachers, excellent programs, and maintain small class sizes. Both senior and disability exemptions are available to eligible residents.

PTO

The Portola Valley Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) raises money for school-specific events, initiatives, and classroom supplies. The PTO also organizes the many parent volunteers needed to run its programs and events. These volunteers are the heart of the Districts’ character, and help create the welcoming sense of belonging that our students, staff, and families feel!

PVSF

The Portola Valley Schools Foundation is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides private financial resources to the District. This generous support helps close the gap between public education funding, and the high-quality education desired by our community. The PVSF typically contributes between 5% and 7% of the District’s annual \$18.2 million budget, supporting consistent, low student/teacher ratios, classroom aides, counselors at each school, music and art programs and so much more!





ORMONDALE . . .

- A 2023 **California Distinguished School** award winner.
- 40 four-year old **Transitional Kindergarten (TK)** students and their families welcomed to the expanded TK program in August.
- A memorable **Ribbon Cutting** event to celebrate the completion of the bond construction projects was held on campus in October.
- Wonderful **PTO parent volunteers** support teachers and students in a variety of ways all year long, and are always welcome here!
- Award-winning school and campus **gardens**, planted by our students and Garden Guru during Garden Thyme, are blooming with flowers and vegetables thanks to a PVSF Endowment grant.
- Additional paraeducators joined the staff and work closely with teachers, supporting students academically at all grade levels.
- STEAM Lab open at recess and lunch for students, and a **STEAM credentialed teacher** provides weekly hands-on lessons and activities, encouraging creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking.
- New **after-school programs** introduced, including cooking, woodworking, chess, basketball, and a weekly Tinkering Club.



CORTE MADERA . . .



- A 2024 **California Distinguished School** award winner.
- Over 100 student participants contributed to the annual **STEAM Fair**.
- Weekly **STEAM** lessons (grades 4-6), and STEAM electives (grades 7-8).
- **Art courses and electives** offered in every grade.
- Positive school climate and continuation of annual **Kindness Fair**.
- New **state-of-the-art playground, STEAM Center, Art, Science, and classroom spaces**.
- **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons** delivered at every grade level.
- **Robotics program** and Tinkering Club, lunchtime **Gardening** Program.
- **Choir and band** onsite performances and off-site competitions.
- Offered engaging **field trips** at every grade level.
- **Math Festival** held for all students and families, thanks to PVSF.
- **Math Olympiad** competitions held at lunch -- open to all students.
- **After-school athletic offerings** include flag football, cross country, track and field, soccer, volleyball, basketball, ping pong, tennis and golf.



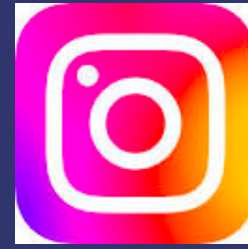
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ORMONDALE SCHOOL GRADES TK-3



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CORTE MADERA SCHOOL GRADES 4-8



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