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LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE E COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2025

Present: Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Business Officer
Ms. Megan Camacho, Senior Administrative Assistant
Ms. Stefania Dodd, Committee Member
Ms. Fawn Binford, Committee Member
Mr. Ron Squires, Committee Member
Mr. Mike Brudnitsky, Committee Member
Mr. Ed Frank, Committee Member
Mr. Thomas Liu, Committee Member
Mr. Andy Morris, Committee Member

The meeting came to order at 12:00pm

Introductions:

All committee members in attendance introduced themselves.

California Fiscal Updates:

Dr. Gleason opened up the meeting with updates from the Legislative Analyst's Office. California's state revenues continue to grow but are not keeping pace with the rising costs of government programs. As a result, the state is facing a projected \$2 billion deficit for the 2025–26 fiscal year. Ongoing increases in state spending suggest that multiyear deficits are likely. Dr. Gleason shared that despite the broader fiscal challenges, education funding under the Proposition 98 guarantee is expected to increase by \$1.5 billion in 2025–26, bringing total K–14 education funding to \$116.8

billion. This includes \$2.8 billion set aside for new commitments within the education system. In addition, the state will see the expiration of \$5.2 billion in one-time Proposition 98 funds from the 2024–25 budget year. The expiration of these temporary costs will free up resources that could be redirected to other priorities or help mitigate future deficits.

Dr. Gleason shared that the \$2.3 million in annual funding will continue through the 2027–28 fiscal year. This crucial funding provides a stable financial foundation as the District navigates the challenges and uncertainties of the coming years. Looking ahead, the projected Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) over the next three fiscal years stands at 2.93%, 3.08%, and 3.30%. However, there is speculation of potential revisions. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has hinted at lower and higher potential adjustments—2.46%, 3.1%, and 3.8% respectively—though FCMAT has yet to formally revise its projections. Amid these financial variables, the District's ability to effectively manage shifts in enrollment and attendance remains a key factor in maintaining fiscal stability. Strategic planning and responsive measures will be essential to adapt to any demographic changes and ensure that the District continues to meet the needs of its students and community.

Measure E Letter and Annual Report:

The committee reviewed the annual Measure E Letter, which is sent to families enrolled in LVUSD through Interdistrict Permits. During the discussion, Mr. Morris recommended moving the second paragraph to the beginning of the letter to create a stronger, more impactful introduction that highlights the need for funding. The committee agreed the inclusion of the payment link in the letter is beneficial. Mr. Brudnitsky suggests adding a QR code as an additional way for families to complete the donation.

The committee agreed to send the Measure E Donation Letter in Spring 2025. Additionally, they agree to explore other optimal times for distribution in the upcoming school year, such as during the enrollment process at the start of the year or over Thanksgiving break.

The meeting came to a close at 1:03pm.