



PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT 2024-2025

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear PVSD Community,

I am pleased to present Portola Valley School District's fourth Annual Community Report for the 2024 - 2025 academic school 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 2025 - 2026 school year.



**Roberta Zarea,**  
Superintendent



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**Roberta Zarea**, Superintendent



# PVSD BY THE NUMBERS

85%

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

79%

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

83%

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

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

The Portola Valley Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) raises money for school events, classroom supplies as well as coordinates parent volunteer efforts.

96%

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



504  
Student Enrollment

84

Certificated, Classified, and Administrative **Staff**

## PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Portola Valley Schools Foundation (PVSF) is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides private financial support to the District. This provides from 5% to 7% of the District's budget.

## Student Groups

6.5%

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

3.6%

English Learners

8.5%

Students with Disabilities

94%

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

## Counselor : School Ratio

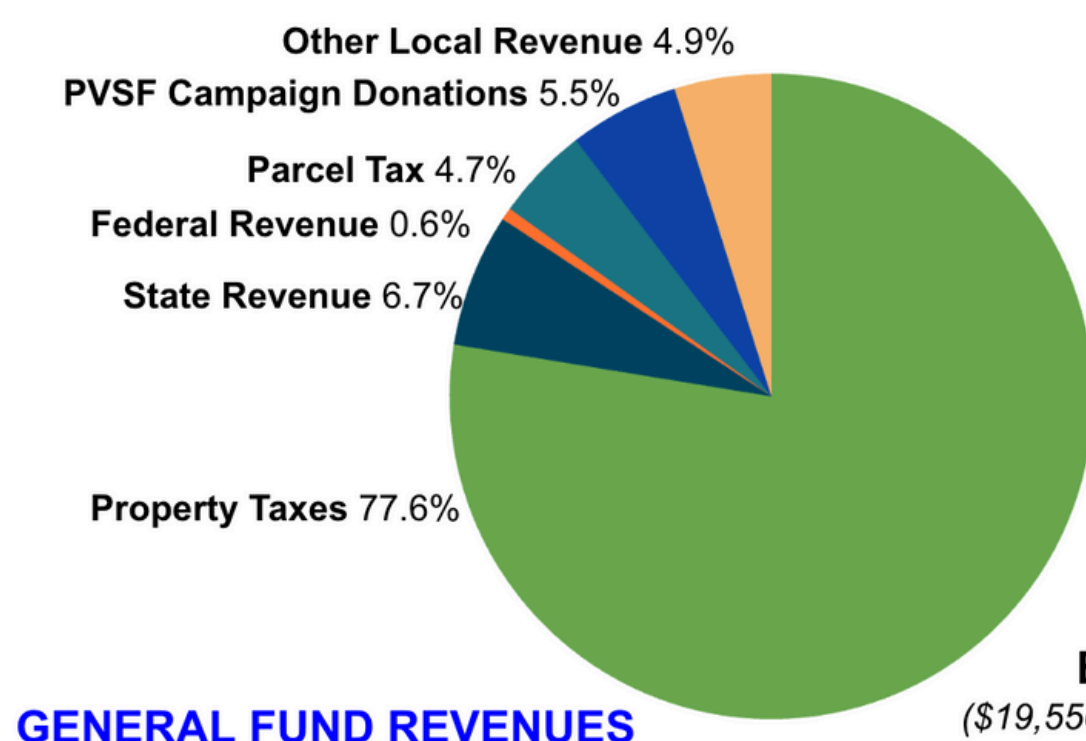
1:1 We are so fortunate to have a dedicated counselor at each school site!

## MEASURE S PARCEL TAX

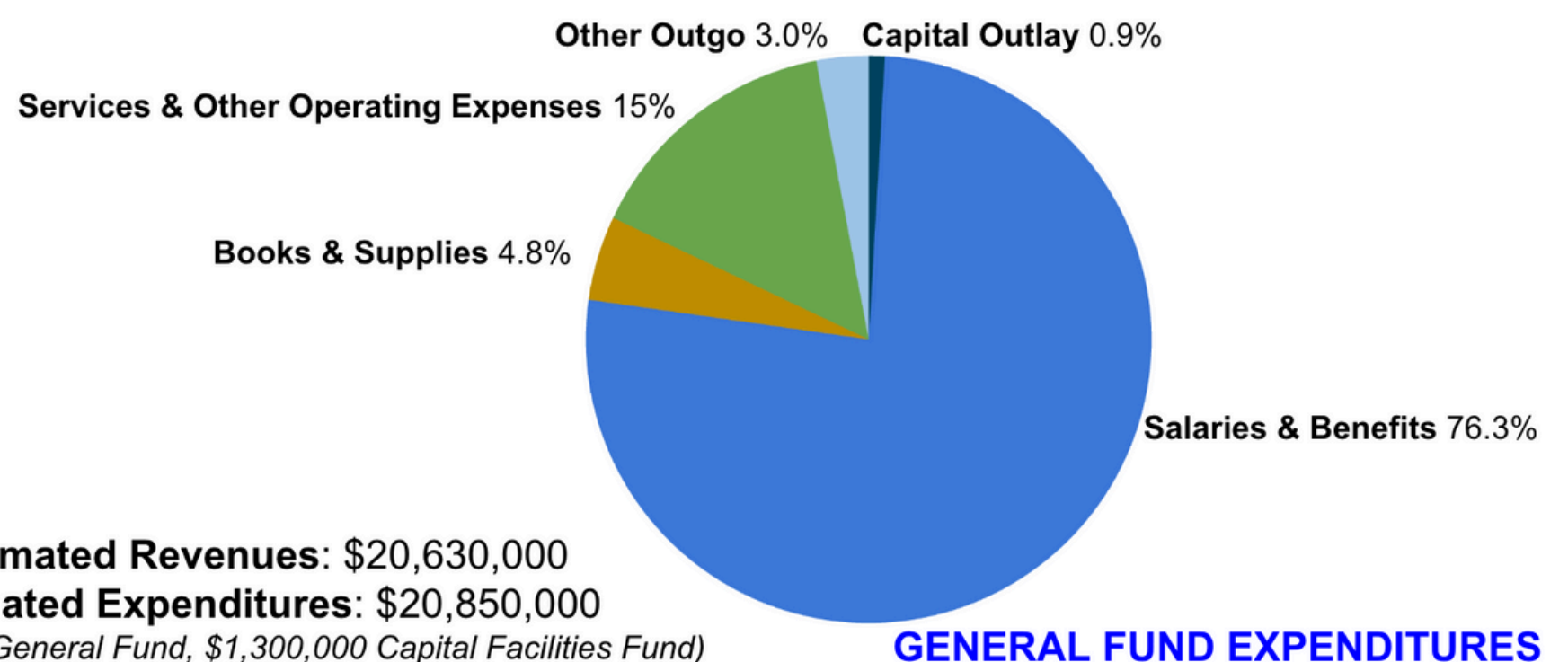
Measure S was approved by 71% of the voters on May 4, 2021 and provides approximately 5% of the District's General Fund resources. This allows the District to offer small class sizes, excellent programs, and outstanding teachers.

## 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.



Estimated Revenues: \$20,630,000  
Estimated Expenditures: \$20,850,000  
(\$19,550,000 General Fund, \$1,300,000 Capital Facilities Fund)







# ORMONDALE . . . Highlights

- **Ormondale is a community of learners grounded in respect, responsibility, safety, and kindness.**
- **Art, science, and STEAM classrooms, lush gardens,** and warm, welcoming spaces create an ideal environment for teaching and learning.
- **Teachers collaborate** regularly in teams and groups to plan meaningful curriculum and instruction.
- Our new **therapy dog**, a goldendoodle, supports student and staff well-being by providing comfort and reducing stress.
- **Students perform** in school-wide events like the Winter Concert, Spring Folk Dance Festival, and Spring Musical.
- **Project-based learning** allows students to demonstrate their understanding in creative, self-designed ways.
- **Service learning** builds civic engagement through partnerships with local nonprofit organizations.
- In 2024–25, we launched a **new research-based ELA curriculum** in grades K–3, supported by training, coaching, and vertical collaboration.
- **Students are supported by a strong team of specialists**, including a full-time counselor and two Reading Specialists.
- All students enjoy **enrichment in Physical Education, Music, STEAM, Library, Garden Thyme, and chicken care**, as well as cross-grade connections through Buddy Classes and Ormondale Families.



# CORTE MADERA . . . Highlights



- **The CMS community fosters empathy and a welcoming school climate every day, highlighted by the joyful annual Kindness Fair.**
- Spring musical (Something Rotten Jr.), concert performances, and offsite competitions **showcase student talent and teamwork.**
- Every grade level enjoys dynamic **Field Trips** that bring learning to life—hands-on, memorable adventures, including overnight experiences in Yosemite and Camp Jones Gulch.
- Students thrive in **inspiring spaces** throughout the day, including the STEAM Lab, Art Room, Science Lab, Library, Game Room, and the vibrant campus garden.
- Advanced Math and **academic enrichment opportunities** challenge students in grades 4–8 to think deeply and stretch their skills.
- A wide range of **after-school athletics**—from flag football to pickleball—keeps students active, with the Annual Sports Fair celebrating teamwork and movement.
- Inspiring **cultural art assemblies** and uplifting visits from mental health support animals enrich our school environment.
- **Robotics, Wind Ensemble, and Choir** before and after school spark creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.
- CMS successfully rolled out **new English Language Arts and 6–8 Science Curriculum**, alongside Reading and Math support classes and after-school academic help for grades 4–8.

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ORMONDALE SCHOOL GRADES TK-3

CORTE MADERA SCHOOL GRADES 4-8