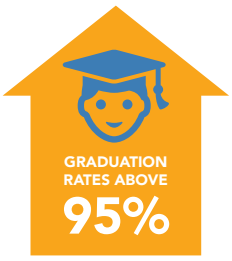
Tamalpais Union High School District: Understanding Our Funding and Future

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

Tamalpais Union High School District is committed to providing a high-quality education to all local high school students.



BUDGET MANAGEMENT

The District manages its budget with transparency and involves the community in decision making. TUHSD's history of strong financial management has earned a Aaa credit rating on its fiscal report card – the highest rating possible.

A 17% reserve protects our schools from economic uncertainty and rising costs, helping TUHSD remain stable and fiscally responsible – consistent with County Office of Education recommendations.

COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

TUHSD is a community-funded district. Unlike most California districts that receive the majority of their funding from the State, TUHSD is funded primarily by local property taxes.

This model provides local control and stable funding, but it also means TUHSD doesn't receive additional state funding when costs rise.

ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

TUHSD's enrollment has leveled off after a decade of growth, mirroring broader Marin County trends of declining birth rates and fewer school-age children. In response, the District has reduced staffing levels and implemented other budget reductions, reflecting its ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility.

LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING PROTECTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

LOCAL FUNDING SINCE 1989

Since 1989, the community has provided locally controlled funding through a voter-approved parcel tax to retain qualified teachers and protect academic programs. About 15% of TUHSD's annual budget (equivalent to 111 teachers) comes from this funding stream.

This funding is set to expire soon, and the District is exploring a potential renewal measure for next year to maintain high-quality academic and extracurricular programs.

RENEWAL OF EXISTING FUNDING STREAM

Renewing the existing parcel tax would continue current local funding that directly supports TUHSD schools, ensuring the District can:

- Maintain excellent science, technology, engineering, math, reading and writing instruction
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Support music and art programs

Without renewal, TUHSD would face teacher layoffs and cuts to academic programs.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- All funds from our local parcel tax are controlled locally and cannot be taken away by the state or federal governments.
- None of the funds are used for administrator salaries
- Independent oversight and audits are required
- Senior citizens aged 65 and over are eligible for full exemption

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