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LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE E COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 28, 2026

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

The meeting came to order at 12:08pm

### **California Fiscal Updates:**

Dr. Gleason reported that the near-term state budget remains balanced; however, it is structurally unstable due to revenue growth largely driven by volatile capital gains and a projected \$22 billion statewide deficit anticipated in 2027–28. An overview of the Proposition 98 guarantee was provided, with funding levels projected at \$123.8 billion in 2024–25, \$121.4 billion in 2025–26, and \$125.5 billion in 2026–27. It was noted that the Governor’s budget does not fully fund the 2025–26 level, instead intentionally underfunding Proposition 98 by \$5.6 billion and deferring the difference as “settle-up.” This approach allows the state to avoid committing funds that may not be available and delays final accounting until Spring 2027.

He shared the Governor’s broader strategy was described as funding a lower, more conservative level of education spending to preserve flexibility for adjustments at the May Revision or final budget adoption. While the Administration maintains that Proposition 98 is funded at historic levels, analysts have stated that this approach is unconstitutional, as final certification occurs 18–24 months later, pushing fiscal risk beyond the current budget cycle and election window.

The proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was reviewed at 2.41%, which is below historical averages, the adopted budget estimate of 3.05%, and the Legislative Analyst's Office December estimate of 2.51%.

Dr. Gleason also highlighted a \$2.8 billion one-time discretionary block grant intended to support enrollment and attendance declines, cash-flow stabilization, and professional development. LVUSD's estimated share of this funding is approximately \$4.7 million.

### **Measure E Parcel Tax and Letter:**

The Committee reviewed the parcel tax resolution history that establishes the \$98 per-parcel rate through 2027–28. With Measure E set to expire in 2027-2028 school year, Dr. Gleason shares that the District is working with polling consultants to establish when the best time would be to add this to the ballot for community members to consider.

They also reviewed the annual Measure E Letter, and when it has been sent to families each school year and the fiscal contribution. The committee agrees to send the letter this Spring in hopes of an increase in participation following the fatigue of the holiday season, and other school donation requests.

Dr. Gleason asked for a committee member to present the annual report to the Board at the upcoming Board meeting scheduled for February 24, 2026. Mr. Budnitsky has agreed to present the report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.