



Cambrian School District



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for Our
Youngest
Learners**

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Dear Cambrian Community:



As Superintendent of Cambrian School District (CSD), it is an honor to serve the families, students, and residents who make this community so special. Excellent schools do more than educate children; they help protect property values, attract families, and sustain the strong quality of life that makes Cambrian

such a desirable place to live.

Today, our focus is on protecting that legacy for the future.

Like many districts across California, Cambrian is facing enrollment shifts and ongoing state funding challenges. In response, we have taken careful and responsible steps to reduce costs while prioritizing classrooms and student learning.

One major step has been the consolidation of a school site, which will save approximately \$1 million annually in overhead costs. Those dollars can now be directed where they have the greatest impact: supporting students, teachers, and educational programs.

Even with these efficiencies, additional long-term solutions are needed to maintain the excellence our community expects. Our Budget Advisory Committee has identified \$2.6 million in ongoing adjustments necessary to preserve financial stability and protect valued student programs.

Without additional sustainable funding, we face deeper, more damaging cuts to our students' daily experience.

To continue offering the high-quality educational experience Cambrian families count on, the Board of Trustees is exploring all available options, including a potential local parcel tax. If approved by voters, these funds would remain here in Cambrian and could be used only for local schools — helping sustain strong academic programs, attract and retain outstanding teachers and staff, and preserve the quality education that benefits the entire community.

No decisions have been made, and your input is important.

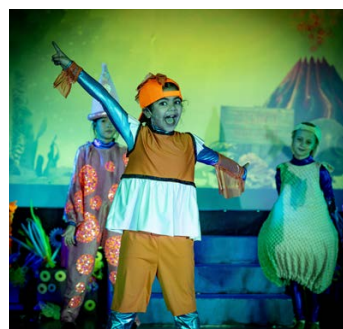
What do YOU think? We want to hear from you.

Please complete and mail in the enclosed survey or scan the QR code to take it online at: www.cambriansd.org/departments/business-services/state-of-our-schools. **Please respond by May 31st.**

Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your commitment to the future of Cambrian students and schools.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristi Schwiebert, Superintendent, Cambrian School District





Our Priorities:

- ▶ **PREVENT** deeper cuts to academic and mental health services.
- ▶ **MAINTAIN** small class sizes and engaging learning experiences.
- ▶ **ATTRACT AND RETAIN** highly effective staff who make a profound difference every day.

A Commitment to Quality Education Since 1863

SCHOOL SURVEY

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Please rank the following priorities in order of their importance to you (1 = most important, 7 = least important).

- ▶ **PROVIDE** high quality programs in math, science, engineering, and technology.

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- ▶ **MAINTAIN** manageable class sizes.

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- ▶ **PROVIDE** high quality programs in reading, writing, and language arts.

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- ▶ **ATTRACT & RETAIN** highly qualified teachers.

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- ▶ **PROVIDE** counseling and academic intervention for students who need additional support.

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- ▶ **PROVIDE** high quality programs in music, visual, and performing arts.

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- ▶ **OTHER:** _____

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If you answered “Other” please describe:

Comments/Questions:

Contact information is optional:

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STATE

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E-MAIL

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What is this revenue feasibility study all about?

Cambrian School District has served as the bedrock of this community for more than 160 years, as a place where generations of students have come to learn, grow, and explore. Today, we serve over 3,000 students from transitional kindergarten (TK) through 8th grade. To continue this legacy for the next 100 years, we are meeting our current challenges head-on with responsible fiscal planning. Like many school districts in California, we are navigating the reality of declining enrollment and decreased funding. To ensure long-term financial stability and preserve high-quality educational programming, the Board of Trustees must consider structural solutions. These include school consolidation and revenue enhancement, such as evaluating a future parcel tax. Addressing these issues now helps protect programs, staffing, and student opportunities in the years ahead.

Why is funding from the State and Federal governments not enough? What is LCFF?

Government budgets are limited. The current way that California public schools are funded, known as the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), allocates more funding to school districts that have high concentrations of students who are English language learners, low income, and/or foster youth. Additionally, California falls far below adequate levels for per student spending, ranking 28th among all states in the nation. This, coupled with rising operating costs, simply does not provide the level of funding for instructional programs that our students, families, and community have come to expect and deserve.

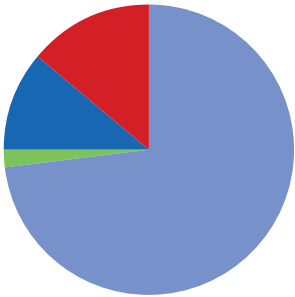
Why does local funding matter?

The level of school funding provided by the State of California is one of the lowest in the nation. Because we are committed to student success, we must look toward sustainable, locally controlled funding to prevent further impacts on our classrooms. To protect our world-class programs and the local quality of education, CSD is also exploring a local parcel tax to fill the remaining funding gap. These funds are critical to:

- ▶ **PREVENT** deeper cuts to academic and mental health services.
- ▶ **MAINTAIN** small class sizes and engaging learning experiences.
- ▶ **ATTRACT AND RETAIN** highly effective staff who make a profound difference every day.

What has the District done to tighten its belt?

We have implemented significant cost-saving measures and have been meeting for two years to study district finances. Most notably, we are moving forward with school consolidation and the closure of the Sartorette



Cambrian School District Funding Sources

- Local Funding 14%
- State Funding 73%
- Federal Funding 2%
- Other 11%

Elementary School site. This act of fiscal responsibility will save \$1 million annually in overhead costs, ensuring those dollars go directly to teachers and students rather than building maintenance. Despite these efforts, our Budget Advisory Committee has identified a total of \$2.6 million in reductions needed to maintain fiscal solvency.

What programs are at risk?

Without additional funding, we face deeper cuts that will impact our students’ daily experience. The Budget Advisory Committee has already identified the following areas for potential reduction:

- ▶ **Music Instruction:** Reductions in the number of programs offered.
- ▶ **Library Services:** Reductions in library staff and operating hours.
- ▶ **Elementary PE:** Elimination of elementary physical education para-educator positions.
- ▶ **Support Services:** Potential cuts to academic and mental health services.

My children are grown up. Why should I pay attention to this process?

Great schools are the foundation of any healthy, thriving community. Great schools protect home values and our local Cambrian quality of life.

What are the District’s proposed solutions and next steps?

The Board of Trustees is considering structural solutions to ensure long-term stability. This includes the current school consolidation and evaluating a future parcel tax to fill the remaining funding gap. We are currently seeking community input from all stakeholders to identify exactly what is at stake. No decisions have been made. We are elevating the community conversation so Cambrian residents and community members can weigh in before key decisions are made.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Superintendent Ms. Kristi Schwiebert at: info@cambriansd.com or (408) 377-2103; or visit: www.cambriansd.org/departments/business-services/state-of-our-schools