San Ramon Valley Unified School District
Educational Funding FAQ

Why did San Ramon Valley USD place a renewal measure on the May ballot?
Since 2004, our community has generously supported the San Ramon Valley Unified School District through a voter-approved parcel tax measure. This local funding helps strengthen and maintain core academic programs, provides quality college preparatory and career tech classes, and provides ongoing teacher training to maintain high-quality education.

Local education funding provides a secure, stable source of revenue that the District can count on every year. This money stays local and cannot be taken away by the State. This funding is set to expire in the next school year. To continue the challenging academic programs and innovative curriculum that prepare local students for success, the Board of Education voted to place a measure on the May 2015 all-mail ballot that will continue the District’s existing parcel tax – without increasing the current amount.

What will the measure fund in our schools?
The measure will fund:

- Core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses and programs to prepare all students for success in college and careers
- Ongoing teacher training and development to attract and retain teachers
- Career and technical training courses

How do I know that these local funds will be spent as promised?
The measure will include the following accountability provisions:

- All money raised by the measure will continue to stay local
- An independent citizens oversight committee will continue to ensure all funds are spent as promised
- None of the funds can be used for administrators’ salaries
- Homeowners age 65 and older will continue to be eligible to receive an exemption
- The measure will expire in 9 years and cannot be renewed without voter approval

How much will the measure cost?
The measure will renew the expiring parcel tax at the current tax rate, without increasing the amount. The existing parcel tax measure costs property owners $144 per parcel per year.

Can funding from the measure be taken away by the state?
No. All funds generated by the measure will go straight to San Ramon Valley Unified School District schools—the state cannot take away a single penny.

Will the measure include an exemption for senior citizens?
Yes. Senior citizens who already receive the exemption will be automatically exempt under the measure—there is no need to reapply. To be eligible for an exemption, senior citizen homeowners, aged 65 or older, will need to fill out a one-time application to receive the exemption on their primary residence. To learn more about the exemption and how to apply, please contact the District at 925-552-2968.
**When will the measure appear on a ballot?**
The measure will appear on the May 2015 all-mail ballot. All registered voters in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District will receive a ballot by mail in early April. Ballots must be received by the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters by May 5, 2015 to be counted. The measure will need to be supported by 66.7% of those who vote. For more information about voting contact the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters office at 925-335-7871.

**What if I have further questions?**
For questions or comments, please contact Superintendent Mary Shelton at Superintendent@srvusd.net.