

Ravenswood City Schools

Working Together Toward a Brighter Future



How are students in our Ravenswood schools performing?

Our Ravenswood schools are improving. Student test scores in reading and math are on the rise. We strive to provide our students with the foundation they need to go to college and get good jobs.

How are budget cuts impacting our schools?

This will be the fourth year in a row the State has cut funding for Ravenswood schools. This year, our schools are facing a \$5.3 million reduction in state funding. Every effort has been made to keep cuts away from classrooms, but this is no longer possible. Administration, office staff, transportation, supplies, equipment and library services have all been cut severely. District reserves are at the minimum required by law. Nothing is left to cut but teachers and academic instructional program for students.

Without local funding, what cuts could be required at our schools?

- Layoffs for dozens of teachers
- Increased class sizes in all grades
- Reduced instructional time for students and a shorter school year
- Elimination of specialized programs like art and music
- Elimination of after-school programs and tutoring
- Closing neighborhood schools

What is Measure B?

Measure B is a local funding measure for Ravenswood schools that will be voted on by your community in a mail-in ballot election on May 3.

Measure B would provide stable, local funding that cannot be taken by the State. Measure B would not prevent all cuts, but it would protect essential core instructional programs.

How would Measure B support improving student achievement?

Measure B will provide local funding that cannot be taken by the State to:

- Maintain reading, writing and math programs
- Preserve after-school programs that keep kids off the streets and focused on academics
- Minimize the impact on the length of the school day and instructional time for students
- Provide training and support for teachers
- Provide programs that get parents involved in their child's education
- Minimize class size increases



How can I be sure these funds will be used as promised?

- All funds from Measure B will go directly to our Ravenswood schools and cannot be taken by the State
- Independent annual audits are mandatory
- Seniors are eligible for an exemption
- Measure B extends our existing local funding measure, adds \$98 per parcel per year and cannot be increased without voter approval
- Measure B will expire in seven years and cannot be renewed without voter approval

How do I vote in this Mail-In Ballot Election?

This is a mail-in ballot election. There are NO polling places. You will receive a ballot in the mail at the beginning of April. You must return your completed ballot so that it is received by May 3. Postmarks don't count. The last day to register to vote in this election is April 18.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, please visit www.ravenswood.k12.ca.us or call (650) 329-2800 ext. 60121.