

Rebuttal Measure M – Loma Prieta Joint Union School District parcel tax

Loma Prieta Joint Union School District put a \$164/year parcel tax on the ballot in 2020, **promising it would be a temporary, 7-year, stop-gap measure.**

You, the voters, rejected that tax increase.

Did LPJUSD get the message? Clearly, NO!

These ballot measures are paid for with district (taxpayer!) funds.

Since 2000, **NINE tax increases** have been proposed. In 2018, the district incurred **debt lasting until 2052!**

Meanwhile, **enrollment declined over 13% since 2017.**

Maybe because academics have declined:

23.66% of students are below grade level in English.

30.06% are below grade level in math.

Source: www.Ed-Data.org

Those are 2018–19’s results — the latest reported. **Why aren’t LPJUSD’s 2020–21 results published?**

Because, we suspect, they are even worse, from **children’s learning loss during shutdowns.**

Conversely, spending has increased to \$16,254/student annually — 18% above statewide averages.

Expenditures are rising while enrollment and academics fall!

LPJUSD wants to be rewarded with increased taxes — for poor academics!

Do you approve?

It is financial mismanagement that leaves us facing new taxes every two years and constant appeals for “donations.” (Taxes are mandatory, not charitable contributions.)

Parcel taxes are highly regressive — the burden falls hardest on poorer **LPJUSD** residents. Consider the **impact this new \$2,784 tax will have on families who struggle** financially.

We can best serve our kids by demanding responsible financial management and by insisting the district focus on fulfilling its core academic mission.

Please vote NO.

You can be FOR schools, FOR students, FOR teachers — and AGAINST Measure M.

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