

TO: Board of Education

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SUBJECT: **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LEVY OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL SUPPORT TAX, MEASURE A TO BE LEVIED IN 2016-17**

I. **SUPPORT INFORMATION**

The voters approved Measure A on March 5, 2013. The Piedmont community has a long-standing tradition of supporting schools. Measure A was approved by 76.5% of the voters for a term of eight years (expires on June 30, 2021.) The tax structure was changed to be a flat tax of \$2,406 per parcel to conform to the *Borikas vs. Alameda Unified* decision.

As part of Measure A, the voters approved the District's authorization to increase the subsequent levy of the tax up to 2% per year from each preceding year. Previous authorizations allowed the increase to be up to 5% with a shorter overall term of the tax of four years.

Measure A continued language from earlier measures that requires there be at least one Public Hearing at a Regular Board Meeting before the levy amount is set. The Notice of Public Hearing that is advertised in the local newspaper must be at least 15 days prior to the Board Meeting. Notice has been published that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for April 27, 2016 and May 11, 2016. The Board will be requested to take action as to the levy amount after the Public Hearing on May 11, 2016.

Measure A also included a provision for the District to establish a Subcommittee of the District Budget Advisory Committee to review the expenditures of the tax revenues in the context of the overall District General Fund Budget and to make recommendations as to the tax levy amount for the next year. Committee members for this year are Tam Hege, Guatam Wadhvani, Susan Miller-Davis, and Andy Hempeck. The Committee has been invited to provide a recommendation this evening prior to the start of the Public Hearing.

The Board will discuss the option to continue the levy at its current rate or to increase the levy up to the statutory level of \$2,553.26 per parcel from the current rate of \$2,503.20/per parcel.

II. **RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Conduct Public Hearings as to the levy of Measure A for 2015-16.