



Pasadena Unified School District

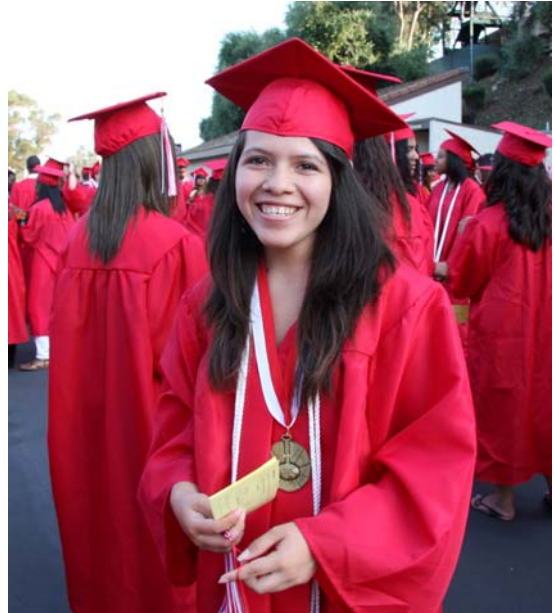
Quality Education Preservation Act of 2010

FACTS

After enduring years of funding cuts from Sacramento, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is now facing \$23 million in reductions due to California's financial crisis.

The PUSD has placed the Quality Education Preservation Act of 2010 on a May 4, 2010 election ballot. This parcel tax would provide a stable, consistent source of funding for schools that serve Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre.

Monies raised would be used to preserve educational opportunities that prepare local students to succeed in college and careers; continue funding academic programs in advanced math, science, technology, music and art; keep school libraries open, and lessen the impact of state budget cuts.



Costs & Accountability

PUSD's Quality Public Education Preservation Act of 2010 would:

- Levy a \$120 tax per residential and commercial parcel each year for five years
- Grant exemptions for low-income seniors
- Raise an estimated \$7.1 million annually
- Begin July 1, 2010

All funds would benefit PUSD schools and students. The parcel tax requires approval by two-thirds of Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre voters.

Two accountability provisions:

- Independent community oversight committee
- Annual independent audits that report the monies collected and expended

Impact on Schools

Because of an 18 percent overall cut in funding to public schools in California, PUSD faces up to \$23 million in cuts to its schools and programs next year.

At stake are:

- Curriculum materials for reading/language arts, history, and science
- Arts and music programs
- Health and physical education
- School libraries
- International Baccalaureate programs
- John Muir High School Reinvention
- More than 200 jobs - teachers, assistant principals, nurses, counselors & support staff

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