

### Ongoing Budgetary Challenges

The State is an unreliable partner for funding our local schools.

- Since 2008, the State has lost over \$1.1 million from our schools.

While the state budget is stabilizing, and Proposition 55 has helped to prevent further cuts, there is nothing to suggest that the reliance on funding our schools from lost in recent years will be restored.



### Locally-Controlled Education Funding

Since 1988, our community has supported our elementary and middle schools with locally-controlled education funding.

- Our small city has been critical in providing a high-quality education for all.
- We are fully qualified under the law to provide a high-quality education for all.
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### The RUSD Budget

The total District budget for the 2016-17 school year is \$75 million.

- Our local parcel tax provides \$6 million annually, or 8% of the District's current budget.
- The Foundation for Reed Schools has provided the District with \$10 million for the 2016-17 school year, representing 13% of the District's budget.
- The remainder of our budget is provided by local property taxes and other local revenues, with 1% coming from state and federal revenues.

### All Funds Stay in the RUSD

Local funding features strict fiscal accountability measures.

- None of local funding goes to Reed Elementary, Del Mar Elementary and Del Mar Middle School—nothing can be taken or redirected by the State.
- Annual audits to ensure funds are spent responsibly.
- No funds can be used for administrative salaries.
- Services would be eligible for an exemption from the cost. Visit [www.reedunionschool.org](http://www.reedunionschool.org) and click "Senior Exemption Info" to apply.

### Student Achievement in the RUSD

Our student test scores are the highest in Martin County.



## Local Parcel Tax Funding and the Reed Union School District



### Next Steps

- The Board is considering a new local parcel tax to fund our schools.
- The Board is in the planning phase and is seeking input from education and community groups while considering a possible renewal and enhancement measure.
- Contact a Supervisor for the Same Voting at [www.reedunionschool.org](http://www.reedunionschool.org) or call the Board Secretary's Office at local 961-100 with any questions or comments.

### Excellent Education in the RUSD

Our schools have been recognized on the state and national levels for our outstanding and innovative academic programs.

- Reed Elementary, Del Mar Elementary and Del Mar Middle School all have been consistently recognized as California Distinguished Schools for many years running.
- All three Reed schools have been named Apple Distinguished Schools in recognition of "exceptional learning environments and centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence."

### History of Local Education Funding in the RUSD

Since local education funding was first approved by voters with 75.2% support in 1988, it has been renewed and enhanced three times.

- 1988: 72.7% Yes
- 1994: 83.3% Yes
- 2007: 75.3% Yes
- 2017: 68.7% Yes

### Locally-Controlled Education Funding

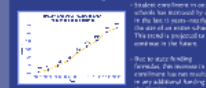
This voter-approved source of funding is 100% dedicated to supporting quality education in local classrooms and is critical to take by the State.

It is set to expire unless renewed by local voters.



### Ongoing Budgetary Challenges

Student enrollment is rapidly increasing—with no new funding.



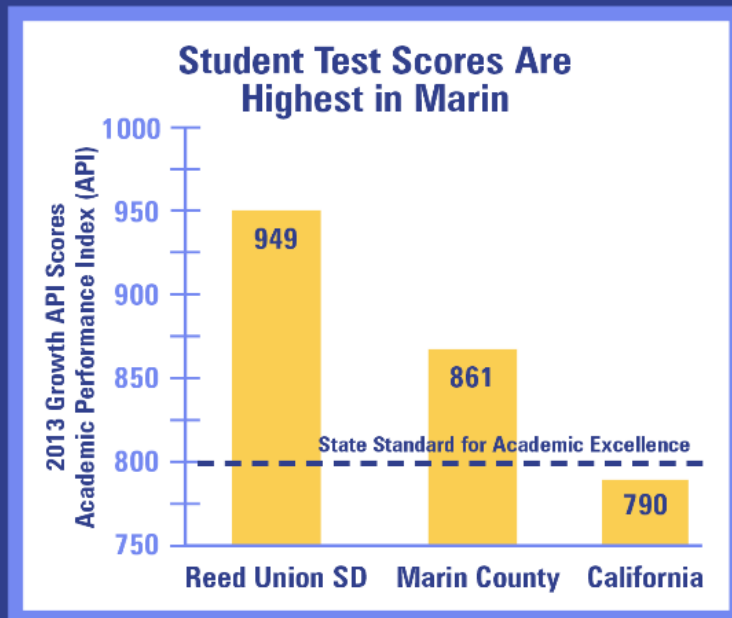
- Student enrollment in our schools has increased by 10% in the last 15 years, with the rate of increase accelerating in the last five years.
- Our local funding is not enough to cover the cost of the increase in enrollment.
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# **Local Parcel Tax Funding and the Reed Union School District**



# Student Achievement in the RUSD

**Our student test scores are the highest in Marin County.**



- In 2013, the RUSD led Marin County in Growth API scores for the fourth year in a row.
- Reed Elementary scored the highest Growth API score of any school in the County and the highest in school history:
  - Reed Elementary: 964
  - Del Mar Middle: 960
  - Bel Aire Elementary: 940

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# Ongoing Budgetary Challenges

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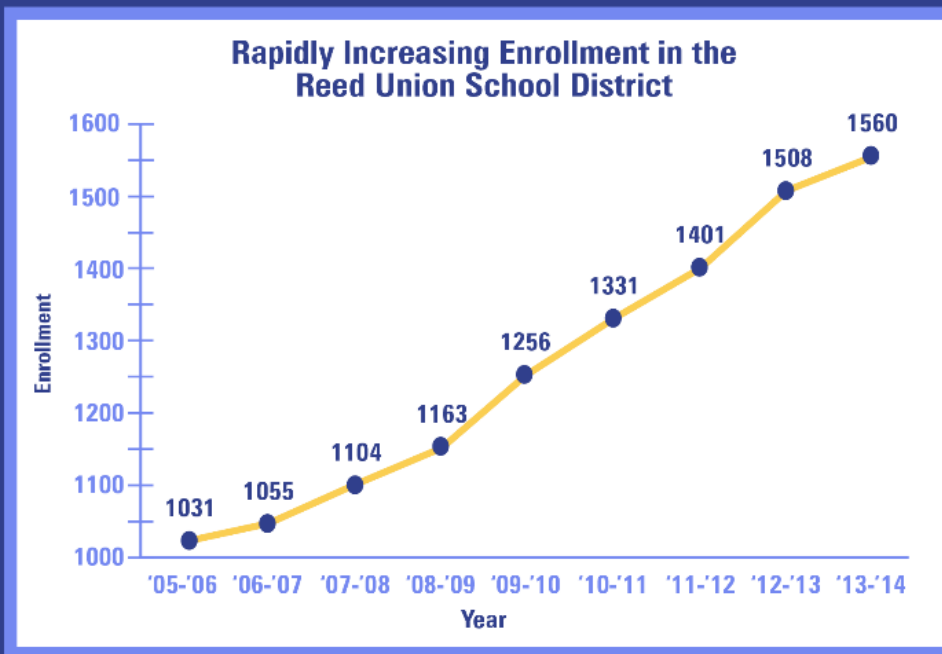
**The State is an unreliable partner for funding our local schools.**

- Since 2008, the State has cut over \$2.3 million from our schools.
- While the state budget is stabilizing and Proposition 30 has helped to prevent further cuts, there is nothing to suggest that the millions in funding our schools have lost in recent years will be restored.



# Ongoing Budgetary Challenges

**Student enrollment is rapidly increasing—  
with no new funding.**



- Student enrollment in our schools has increased by 46% in the last 13 years—nearly the size of an entire school. This trend is projected to continue in the future.
- Due to state funding formulas, this increase in enrollment has not resulted in any additional funding for the District.

# Locally-Controlled Education Funding

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**Since 1990, our community has supported our elementary and middle schools with locally-controlled education funding.**

- Our parcel tax has been critical to providing a high-quality, 21st-century education by:
  - Keeping highly qualified teachers in our classrooms
  - Maintaining excellent core academic programs such as science, math, reading and writing
  - Minimizing class size increases
  - Maintaining modern instructional technology
  - Supporting arts and music programs, and more



# Locally-Controlled Education Funding

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This voter-approved source of funding is 100% dedicated to supporting quality education in local classrooms and cannot be taken by the State.

It is set to expire soon unless renewed by local voters.





# The RUSD Budget

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The total District budget for the 2013-14 school year is \$17.9 million.

- Our local parcel tax provides \$1.4 million annually, or 8% of the District's current budget.
- The Foundation for Reed Schools has provided the District with \$1.9 million for the 2013-14 school year, representing 10% of the District's budget.
- The remainder of our budget is provided by local property taxes and other local revenues, with 3% coming from state and federal revenue.

# History of Local Education Funding in the RUSD

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Since local education funding was first approved by voters with 72.7% support in 1990, it has been renewed and enhanced three times.

- 1990: 72.7% Yes
- 1994: 69.5% Yes
- 2003: 75.5% Yes
- 2007: 68.7% Yes

# All Funds Stay in the RUSD

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## Local funding features strict fiscal accountability measures.

- 100% of local funding goes to Reed Elementary, Bel Aire Elementary and Del Mar Middle School—nothing can be taken or redirected by the State.
- Annual audits to ensure funds are spent responsibly.
- No funds can be used for administrators' salaries.
- Seniors would be eligible for an exemption from the cost. Visit [www.reedschools.org](http://www.reedschools.org) and click "Senior Exemption Info" to apply.

# Next Steps

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- The RUSD is conducting outreach to raise awareness about the District's funding needs.
- The Board is in its planning phase and is seeking input from education and community groups while considering a possible renewal and enhancement measure.
- Contact Superintendent Dr. Steve Herzog at [sherzog@reedschools.org](mailto:sherzog@reedschools.org) or call the RUSD Superintendent's Office at (415) 381-1112 with any questions or comments.

