



Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP)

Community Conversation

May 8, 2023

Agenda

- 5:30 - Welcome
- 5:35 - Purpose & BSEP Information
- 5:45 - Feedback Activity
- 6:45 - Next Steps and BSEP
Renewal Timeline
- 7:00 - Closing

Our Mission

Enable and inspire our diverse student body to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our world.

Excellence

Equity

Engagement

Enrichment



Purpose

- Provide BSEP Information
- Gather feedback on the current and possible future uses of BSEP funds in key areas
- Review the BSEP Renewal Timeline

BSEP Expanded Course Offerings

Theatre at Willard Middle School



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SUPPORTS

March 2024 Ballot



- Best positions the measure for success
- No significant changes anticipated



Current BSEP Measure

Current Measure	Purpose	Duration	Amount	What it Does
<p><i>Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP)</i></p> <p>Renewed in 2016 with 88.9% approval rate</p>	<p>BSEP was created in 1986 in response to lower state funding levels</p>	<p>8 Year Measure</p> <p>2017-18 to 2024-25</p> <p>Sunsets in 2024-2025</p>	<p>2022-23 Year 6</p> <p>\$35 Million</p> <p>17% of District budget</p> <p>~1 out of every 6 dollars</p>	<p>Funds to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smaller class sizes: ~ 1 out of every 3 classroom teachers • school libraries, arts & music • instructional technology • professional development • student supports • expanded course offerings • counselors • communication, translation • school site programs • and more

BSEP Measure Oversight

BUSD STAFF Oversight and Management

- Director, Budget Analyst, and Program Specialist
- Resource Managers
- Revenue and Expenses tracked exclusively in Fund 4

Community Oversight

- Planning and Oversight Committee
- School Site Councils
- Board of Education

Independent Audits

- Issued in December for preceding year
- Presented to P&O and Board of Education



Measure E1 Framework

High Quality Instruction	66%
Class Size Reduction	
Support for Teaching:	
<i>Professional Development</i>	
<i>Program Evaluation</i>	
<i>Classroom Support</i>	
<i>Expanded Course Offerings</i>	

Essentials for Excellence	27%
School Site Programs	10.25%
Libraries	7.25%
Music/VAPA	6.25%
Instructional Technology	3.25%

Effective Student Support	7%
Student Achievement Strategies	
Counseling and Behavioral Health	

Measure Oversight, Communication, Translation, Community Engagement	2% of net receipts
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Feedback Activity

60 Minutes

- ★ Three rotations - ~20 minutes each with a facilitator and note taker:
 - High Quality Instruction
 - Essentials for Excellence
 - Effective Student Support
- ★ Visit each program area once to review program information and provide feedback

BSEP Program Summaries are available at at each table

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High Quality Instruction

BSEP Measure E1 Purpose

...reducing class sizes at all District-operated K-12 schools, and may also be allocated to provide funding for professional development, classroom support, program evaluation, and expanded course offerings.¹

Class Size Reduction - \$16M

Smaller Class Size contributes to stabilizing our workforce and differentiates us from other Bay Area school districts. With smaller classes, teachers are able to better respond to individual student needs and provide more direct attention.

- Provides approximately one out of every three classroom teachers
- Grades K-5 school-wide average goal of 23
- Grades 6-12 average class size goal of 28



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Lo Esencial para la Excelencia

Propósito de la Medida E1 BSEP

El veintisiete por ciento (27%) de los Ingresos Disponibles debe dedicarse anualmente a proporcionar programas diseñados para mejorar el dominio académico y la experiencia educativa de todos los estudiantes, proporcionando un acceso equitativo a un plan de estudios enriquecido, desafiante y atractivo. Los Ingresos Disponibles podrían apoyar todos los costos relacionados con la prestación de estos servicios en las escuelas operadas por el distrito, incluyendo los costos operativos.¹

Bibliotecas Escolares K-12

Bibliotecas Escolares El siete punto veinticinco por ciento (7.25%) de los Ingresos Disponibles debe ser destinado anualmente para proporcionar a los estudiantes acceso a bibliotecas escolares de calidad, las cuales deben ser mantenidas proporcionando personal bibliotecario para el funcionamiento de las bibliotecas escolares K-12 y otras bibliotecas especializadas del Distrito, y asignando ingresos para libros, materiales, servicios y



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Effective Student Support

BSEP Measure E1 Purpose



Seven percent (7%) of the Available Revenues generated by this Measure shall be dedicated annually to providing programs designed to provide effective supports that help students reach their highest academic potential while addressing the needs of the whole child. These revenues may be allocated to programs in any district-operated school for such purposes as Counseling and Behavioral Health, Family Engagement and Access, or Student Achievement Strategies to improve academic, behavioral and social-emotional outcomes for students. Any allocations among these programs shall be recommended by district staff to the Planning and Oversight Committee and approved by the Board. Available Revenues may support all costs attendant to providing these services, including operational costs.¹

Counseling and Behavioral Health- \$825K

Counseling and Behavioral Health funds provide support for behavioral and social-emotional issues that affect student learning.

Counselors support students, families, and staff with free school-based services to enhance students' success in school and to promote healthy development.



Feedback Activity

60 Minutes

Respond to Feedback Prompts for Each BSEP Program Area

In thinking about the programs funded in each BSEP Program Area:

- What is working well? How do you know?
- What do you have questions about?
- What ideas do you have to improve this program area? Are there any gaps that we should address?

★ 2 minute warning and a signal to rotate to the next table

BSEP Visual and Performing Arts Ceramics at King Middle School





BSEP Renewal Timeline

April 2023-
October 2023

November
2023

Dec 2023 -
March
2024

March 10, 2024

2025-26

Measure Development

- Community Conversations
- Spring Polling
- Framework and Fiscal Models
- P&O review and feedback
- Board updates and feedback
- Fall Polling
- Finalize Measure Language

Board Approves BSEP Measure Language

Campaign (Not a District Activity)

Regulations prohibit
the expenditure of
public funds for
campaigns

District may provide
information only

BSEP on the Ballot

New measure Takes Effect

Measure Planning Next Steps



- Community Conversations - notes to Superintendent's Planning Group and P&O
- P&O - agendize additional BSEP renewal topics for discussion feedback
- May - Spring Voter Polling
- June - Community Event - Budget Workshop
- June - Board Update
- Summer - Measure Language Drafting
- Aug/Sep/Oct - Community Engagement and Polling
- October - Finalize Measure Language

- Facilities
- BSEP
- Literacy & MTSS
- Climate & Sustainability,
- STEM & CTE
- EduClimber & Data Informed
- Extended Learning
- Tables: BPSF, Forms, etc

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A Year In Review

MAY 31
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
BUSD BOARDROOM

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Organizational clarity * Community Engagement and Partnership * Progress Monitoring * Continuous Improvement Efforts

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Thank you!

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<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/departments/bsep/>

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