



**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Berkeley, California

**MEASURE A OF 2006**  
**"BERKELEY SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM"**  
**PERFORMANCE AUDIT**  
June 30, 2014

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Board of Trustees  
Berkeley Unified School District  
Berkeley, California

We have conducted a performance audit of the Berkeley Unified School District Measure A of 2006, "Berkeley Schools Excellence Program" for the year ended June 30, 2014.

We conducted our performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed on page 3 of this report which included determining that the District expended Measure A of 2006 funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the purposes approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure A of 2006 proceeds. Management is responsible for Berkeley Unified School District's compliance with those requirements.

Solely to assist us in planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the internal controls of Berkeley Unified School District to determine if internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure A of 2006 proceeds. Accordingly, we do not express any assurance on the internal controls.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, Berkeley Unified School District expended Measure A of 2006 funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the purposes approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure A of 2006 proceeds.



Crowe Horwath LLP

Sacramento, California  
December 18, 2014

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE A OF 2006  
"BERKELEY SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM"  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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**SUMMARY**

1. Measure A of 2006 was authorized by an election of the registered voters of Berkeley Unified School District to support the quality of public education. Measure A of 2006 authorizes the collection of taxes of 22.80 cents per square foot on residential property, 34.36 cents per square foot on commercial property and \$50.00 for unimproved parcels, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the 2007-08 tax year. These rates may be adjusted for inflation every year. The funds raised are to be used for class size reduction, libraries, visual and performing arts programs, teacher training and academic support.
2. Total proceeds from parcel taxes for Measure A of 2006 were \$25,162,271 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.
3. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, \$12,688,646 of Measure A parcel tax revenue was transferred to the District's unrestricted General Fund, for Class Size Reduction purposes, and release time for music.
4. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the District recorded expenditures of Measure A parcel tax revenues of \$10,915,473.

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, METHODOLOGY AND CONCLUSIONS

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**OBJECTIVES**

The objective of our performance audit was to determine that the District expended Measure A of 2006 funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the purposes approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure A of 2006 proceeds.

**SCOPE**

The District provided to us a list of all Measure A of 2006 expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2014 (the "List"). An approximate total of \$10,915,473 in expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2014 were identified. The District provided to us schedules supporting the \$13,101,094 transferred to the General Fund for Class Size Reduction purposes.

**METHODOLOGY**

1. Verified that the expenditures of the Fund were accounted for separately in the accounting records of the District.
2. Verified that the net revenues received from the parcel taxes were deposited in total into the District's Measure A of 2006 Fund.
3. Tested District calculations of Student Enrollment, Teacher FTE's and Teacher Compensation on the schedules supporting the transfer to the General Fund.
4. Tested that not more than 2% of revenues were allocated to Public Information, Planning & Oversight Committee.
5. Tested that the remaining revenues 66.00%, 10.25%, 6.25%, 7.25%, 1.25% and 9.00% of the revenues have been allocated to Class Size Reduction, School Discretionary Funds, Visual and Performing Arts, School Libraries, Parent Outreach and Translation Services, and Professional Development, Educational Program Evaluation and Technology for Schools for the Measure A of 2006 Fund.
6. Selected a sample of 30 individual expenditures totaling \$311,568. Tested expenditures of each Resource Code ensuring that such expenditures were spent in accordance with the scope of the published material specifying the intended use of proceeds for Measure A of 2006.

**CONCLUSION**

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, Berkeley Unified School District expended Measure A of 2006 funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the purposes approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of the published election materials specifying the intended use of Measure A of 2006 proceeds.

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