



## **BSEP Measure Planning Update**

Board of Education

April 26, 2023

# Our Mission

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

*Excellence - Equity - Engagement - Enrichment*

## Outcomes for Tonight

- Share the revised timeline for developing the next BSEP measure
- Provide background information on the current BSEP measure
- Update on BSEP awareness and community engagement activities
- Review Next Steps

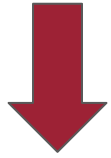
# March 2024 Ballot



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



# 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 expenditures  
public funds for  
campaigns

District may provide  
information only

## BSEP on the Ballot

## New measure Takes Effect

# Current BSEP Measure

Current Measure	Purpose	Duration	Amount	What it Does
<p><b><i>Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP)</i></b></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><b>8 Year Measure</b></p> <p>2017-18 to 2024-25</p> <p>Sunsets in 2024-2025</p>	<p><b>2022-23 Year 6</b></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"> <li>● smaller class sizes: ~ 1 out of every 3 classroom teachers</li> <li>● school libraries, arts &amp; music</li> <li>● instructional technology</li> <li>● professional development</li> <li>● student supports</li> <li>● expanded course offerings</li> <li>● counselors</li> <li>● communication, translation</li> <li>● school site programs</li> <li>● and more</li> </ul>

# 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

EXCELLENCE

EQUITY

ENGAGEMENT

ENRICHMENT

# Measure E1 Framework

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

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

<b>Effective Student Support</b>	<b>7%</b>
Student Achievement Strategies	
Counseling and Behavioral Health	

Measure Oversight, Communication, Translation, Community Engagement	2% of net receipts
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# BSEP Awareness

- Website
- Social Media
- Materials

## **BSEP** ★ **Excellence!**

Essentials for Excellence (27% of net revenue)

### **BSEP Measure E1 Purpose**

*Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the Available Revenues shall be dedicated annually to providing programs designed to improve the academic proficiency and educational experience of all students by providing equitable access to an enriched, challenging and engaging curriculum. Available Revenues may support all costs attendant to providing these services at district-operated schools, including operational costs.*

### **School Libraries - \$2.6M**

*School Libraries: Seven and a quarter percent (7.25%) of the Available Revenues shall be allocated annually to provide student access to quality school libraries, which shall be maintained by providing library staff to operate the Districts K-12 school and other specialized libraries, and by allocating revenues for books, materials, services and equipment for the school libraries.*



## **BSEP LANDING PAGE**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT  
BSEP**



## **WEBSITE BANNERS**

### **Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP)**



**BSEP** ★ **Excellence!**

100% of 4th and 5th grade students  
learn to play an instrument every  
year.

Berkeley  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **BSEP VIDEOS**

### **See BSEP at Work: The Metal Shop**





## BSEP ★ Excellence!

### High Quality Instruction (66% of net revenue)

#### 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.<sup>1</sup>



#### 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 it allows for 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

# Community Conversation

## BSEP ★ Excellence!

### Effective Student Support (7% of net revenue)

#### BSEP Measure E1 Purpose

Effective Student Support: Counseling and Behavioral Health; Family Engagement and Access; Student Achievement Strategies



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.<sup>1</sup>

#### Counseling and Behavioral Health- \$825K

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

## Community Engagement Kick Off - April 20

- Feedback on BSEP Program Areas
  - High Quality Instruction
  - Essentials for Excellence
  - Effective Student Support
- Participants asked to provide feedback
  - 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?



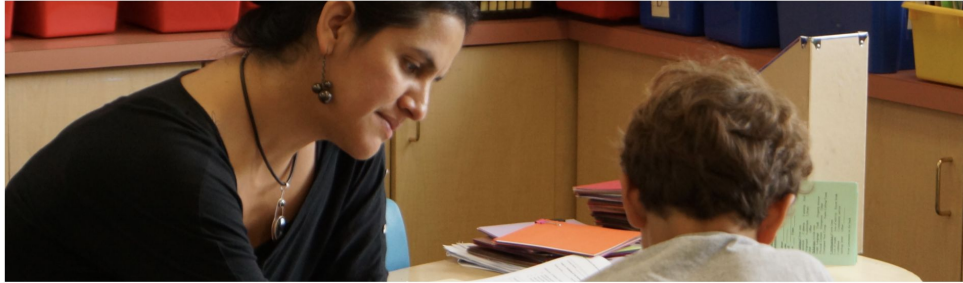
# Measure Planning Next Steps



- April 20 notes to Superintendent's Planning Group
- April 20 summary to the P&O, agendaize additional renewal topics for feedback
- May - Spring Voter Polling
- May - Second Community Conversation on BSEP Programs
- June - Community Event - Budget Workshop
- June - Board Update
- Summer - Measure Language Drafting
- Aug/Sep - Community Engagement and Polling
- October - Finalize Measure Language

# BSEP ★ Excellence!

Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP)



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(BSEP) Visit

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