



BSEP Measure of 2024 First Draft

Board of Education
10-18-2023

Our Mission

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

Excellence

Equity

Engagement

Enrichment

Objectives & Overview

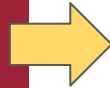
Objective

- Review and consider the recommendations for renewal of the BSEP Special Tax Measure, with the anticipation of taking action on final language and officially calling for a tax measure on November 1, 2023.

Presentation Overview

- Timeline
- Tax Rate
- Accountability
- Next Steps
- Discussion

Fall Timeline



- Sept 5 - P&O: Measure Planning Update
- Sept 26 - P&O: Measure Planning Update
- Oct 4 - School Board: Measure Planning Update (poll results, accountability and tax rate)
- Oct 10 - P&O: Measure Planning Update
- Oct 18 - School Board: First Reading
- Nov 1 - School Board: Two Items
 - Public Hearing
 - 2nd Reading and Approval of Resolution to place measure on the ballot for March 5, 2024
- December 6, 2023 - Deadline to Qualify for March 2024 Ballot
- March 5, 2024 - Election Day

Tax Rate

BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT OF 2024

To continue high-quality public education, provide support for struggling students, attract and retain quality teachers, keep school libraries open, support music/ arts programs, and other designated purposes, shall Berkeley Unified School District renew its expiring special tax at **\$0.54/ building square foot or \$25/unimproved parcel**, with annual adjustments, **low-income exemptions**, independent citizen/ auditor oversight, generating approximately \$44,000,000 annually in local funds for Berkeley public schools for 8 years that cannot be taken by the State?

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Framework

Section 2. Allocation of Funds

Available Revenues raised by the levy of the tax authorized by the Measure are to be allocated to the following purposes and shall be deposited in restricted accounts for these purposes:

High Quality Instruction: Small Class Sizes; Professional Development; Classroom Support; Program Evaluation; Expanded Course Offerings..... 66%

Essentials for Excellence: School Libraries; Music, Visual and Performing Arts; School Site Programs; Instructional Technology..... 27%

Effective Student Support: Counseling and Behavioral Health; Family Engagement and Access; Student Achievement Strategies..... 7%

Section 9. Definitions

A. “Available Revenues” shall mean the amount of money resulting from the levy of this Special Tax authorized by this Measure after deduction of authorized charges for services provided by the County of Alameda and the City of Berkeley for the preparation and collection of the tax, legal and audit fees, and less ~~two percent (2%)~~ **two and a half percent (2.5%)** of the remaining revenues which shall be dedicated to support of the Planning and Oversight Committee, School Site Councils and Community Engagement, and for communications and public information services.

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Accountability

Section 8. Accountability Protections

- **D. Financial Oversight.** The District shall make available to the Planning and Oversight Committee and the general public, updated revenue and expenditure reports of the proceeds of this Special Tax at least four times annually: before adoption of the District’s annual budget, concurrently with the two State-required interim reports, and with the annual report on the Measure (“Annual Report”). The Annual Report shall display the revenues generated by the Measure and the expenditures of the revenues as of the closing of the fiscal year, and shall include a report on the status of projects, **including project metrics**, funded by the revenues. This report Exhibit B-6 shall be organized to display how the expenditures correspond to each of the purposes of the Measure. The Annual Report shall be delivered to the Planning and Oversight Committee no later than ~~January 15~~ **February 15** following the closing of the fiscal year. The Planning and Oversight Committee shall review the Annual Report and report to the Board on the District’s compliance with the conditions of this Measure by ~~February 1~~ **March 15** following the closing of the fiscal year.

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Project Metrics

Projects Metrics - Aligned with District Strategic Goals and can include when available:

District Measures & Program Measures

- Implementation Measures
- Output Measures
- Outcome Measures

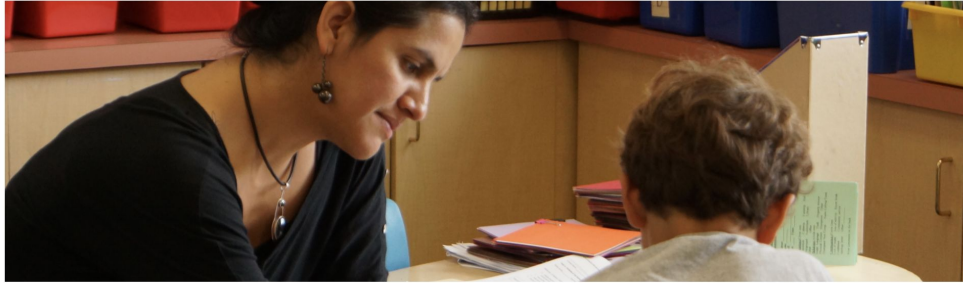
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- ★ Campaign - Not a district activity
- ★ **March 5, 2024 - Election Day**
- ★ 2025-26 New Measure Begins

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