



## Las Virgenes Unified School District

### Parcel Tax Measure – Fall 2015

## Measure E Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- **What is Measure E?**

**Quality schools are essential to a good education.** The Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Education voted unanimously to place Measure E on the November 3, 2015 ballot. Measure E is seeking voter authorization for a local measure to renew an existing parcel tax to help ensure continued excellence by protecting academic opportunities in our local Las Virgenes schools. Our community will continue to receive the same level of educational excellence from our schools without raising taxes.



- **What does Measure E cost?**

State funding alone is unable to provide LVUSD with sufficient funds to maintain the district's high quality education. Measure E will cost property owners the same \$98 per year per parcel that they have been paying since 2004. Measure E would guarantee support for 12 years to provide a stable, local source of funding for Las Virgenes schools that by law cannot be taken away by the state. Senior citizen homeowners age 65 or older may apply for an exemption for their primary residence.



- **What will Measure E fund?**

The Las Virgenes Unified School District serves Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, Bell Canyon, and surrounding communities. Our local schools are exceptional, high quality schools. In an effort to maintain the level of excellence our students and families have come to expect, we need Measure E to support critical areas, including:

- Core programs in math, science, and technology
- Core programs in reading, arts, theater, and music
- Attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers, counselors, and staff
- Keeping textbooks and instructional materials up-to-date
- Funding for athletic programs
- Maintaining smaller class sizes

- **How can we be assured that Measure E money will be spent properly?**

**Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED.** An oversight committee comprised of community members will be established to ensure that Measure E funds are spent properly to support our students. Safeguards like the committee and a district-wide audit guarantee transparency for taxpayers.

**For more information about how Measure E would continue to protect the quality of education in Las Virgenes neighborhood schools, please contact our school district at (818) 878-5225.**