

### **Information About Measure O**

Thanks to outstanding academic programs, highly qualified teachers and a community that values education, Ormondale and Corte Madera are award-winning schools and student test scores continue to be in the top percentile of all school districts in California.

### **Our community has a strong history of supporting our schools**

Since 1985, our community has generously supported our local elementary and middle schools by voting in favor of local parcel tax measures. This local funding provides nearly \$1 million per year (or nearly 10% of our District budget) to help maintain the exceptionally high level of reading, writing, math and science instruction our schools provide. Unless renewed by local voters, this local funding our schools rely on is set to expire.

### **A May 2013 mail ballot election to renew local funding for our schools**

To protect our high performing schools, the Governing Board voted unanimously to place Measure O, a renewal measure on the May 7, 2013 all-mail ballot.

Measure O would renew and extend over \$1 million per year in locally controlled funding that can't be taken by the State, replacing the expiring parcel tax measures on July 1, 2013, last for 8 years and increase the rate by \$123 per year.

All registered voters in Portola Valley School District will receive a ballot in the mail—there will be no polling places in this election.

### **Specifically, Measure O will continue to support:**

- Funding for advanced academic programs in math, science and technology
- Quality reading and writing programs in our elementary schools
- Arts and music programs
- Manageable class sizes
- Retaining qualified, experienced teachers

### **Measure O Enhances Local Control of Our Schools**

Measure O will make our schools less dependent on the State and continue to provide vital funding to support students and education at a time when they need it most. If you have questions, or would like more information about Measure O or our neighborhood schools, please contact [insert contact].

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