



Measure C: What it means for NFO



RCSD Background



- RCSD facing \$5.5M budget cuts
 - All our surrounding districts have higher school funding through parcel taxes
 - We get the same amount of funding as areas in CA with significantly lower cost of living
- What this means in classrooms
 - Larger class sizes and fewer teachers
 - Higher teacher turnover
 - Fewer enrichments (eg. art, science, garden, etc)
 - Less support staff (eg. reading specialists, counselors, community support staff, paraeducators, etc)

What is Measure C?

- A local parcel tax to support Redwood City students
- Lasts 8 years (starting July 2026)
- Costs 17.5¢ per building sq ft
- Requires 2/3 voter approval
- Public schools and charter schools are included in the funding: both of which serve NFO kids

Accountability & fairness

- No funds for administrator salaries or pensions
- Independent oversight and annual audits
- Exemptions for seniors and low-income residents

Structured to protect community members

- Our surrounding districts have much higher parcel taxes, and they are flat rate taxes so singlefamily houses pay the same as large developers/companies
- We structured this parcel tax in a way that is fair to residents and make big business/developers moving into RWC pay their fair share
- The average RWC homeowner and small business owner will still pay less than other districts, but we'll be able to raise about the same amount for our schools as other districts
- We worked directly with the Chamber of Commerce to make sure local businesses aren't discouraged from investing in RWC

Why this matters for NFO Community

- Many families here are already stretched by high cost of living
- Schools provide critical support families rely on every day
- When school funding is cut, the impact doesn't stay in the classroom
- It shows up at home, at work, and across the community

Why this matters for NFO kids

- NFO schools rely on district funding, less on PTO fundraising
- Fewer private dollars to backfill cuts compared to other schools
- Budget cuts hit these classrooms first and hardest
- NFO students are seeing: larger class sizes, fewer support staff, high teacher turnover, fewer enrichment programs
- Measure C would provides stable, guaranteed funding across all schools and reduces inequities between schools in the same district
- Measure C would combat future school closures like the ones that took place in 2019/20

Risks if Measure C doesn't pass

- Schools without PTO fundraising fall further behind
- Less individual attention for students who need it most
- Fewer supports for multilingual learners and working families
- Fewer opportunities many students only get at school
- When schools lose funding, families have to make up the difference
- More childcare costs, tutoring, and lost support
- Less stability in neighborhoods as schools lose resources families depend on



Questions?

