



PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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JULY 1, 2022 to
JUNE 30, 2023

PARCEL TAX FUNDS HIGHLIGHTS

Attract and retain
high quality teachers

Avoid significant
increases in class size

Protect music, arts,
and athletics programs

Maintain school
library staff and
operating hours

Lower secondary
school counselor ratios

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NUSD Parcel Tax: To Preserve Quality Education in Novato Schools

About the Parcel Tax: Since 1992, voter-approved local funding has been crucial to maintaining high-quality academic programs and retaining highly qualified teachers for our students. In 2014, voters renewed Measure A, a \$251 per parcel tax. This Parcel Tax renewal began July 1, 2015, continues for a period of eight (8) years, and includes a Senior Citizen Exemption, Supplemental Security Income Exemption, and a Social Security Disability Insurance Exemption.



NUSD's Parcel Tax provides nearly \$4.1 million per year and calls for independent oversight to monitor the expenditures of the taxes collected. All Parcel Tax funds stay in Novato schools under local control. Nothing can be taken by the State, and no funds can be used for administrative salaries. This Report provides an overview of how the funds were spent from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

2023-2024 PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mary Louise Brannigan

Barbara Granicher

Alan Harris

Katey McAuley

Tina McMillan

Barbara Roddie

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Diane Gasson
Trustee, non-voting



QUALITY EMPLOYEES, CLASS SIZE, & COUNSELORS

Attract and retain high quality teachers and school employees.
Avoid significant increases in class size in all grades.
Maintain lower secondary school counselor ratios.



ATHLETICS

Preserve athletic programs by funding coaches, equipment safety refurbishment and repair, officials fees, and league dues.



MUSIC

Continue music and performing arts programs for 1st through 12th grades, providing a well-rounded education for Novato students.



LIBRARIES

Provide library support, including funding all site library techs, software, and library programs in Novato Unified School District.

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A Letter from the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

Thank you for your continued support through the parcel tax measure. It is the duty of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee to ensure that proceeds from the parcel tax are spent as intended. We are pleased to report that NUSD is allocating funds in alignment with the ballot language to directly benefit our children.

Our committee, currently seven members, oversees the nearly \$4.1 million annual budget and provides an annual report to the NUSD Board of Trustees. Once unaudited actuals are made available by the District, the committee reviews and approves the annual report. The 2021-2022 school year proved most difficult, as the committee was unable to find new members, thus delaying our annual reports over the past two fiscal years. However, with this report for 2022-2023, the committee is excited to announce that we are now at full membership and fully up-to-date on our reporting.

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meetings are conducted under The Brown Act. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome observers. Past and future meeting information is available at www.nUSD.org/parcel-tax-oversight-committee.

Thank you for supporting the children of Novato.

Sincerely,

The 2023-2024 NUSD Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

Mary Louise Brannigan, Barbara Granicher, Alan Harris, Katey McAuley, Tina McMillan, Barbara Roddie, and Tenesa Vuilleminot



SECONDARY COUNSELING

- Parcel tax pays for 7 full-time Counselors
- Secondary Counselors are aligned with the American School Counselor Association's National Model of supporting students' academic, career, and social-emotional development
- Secondary Counselors are available to students via email and by appointment to ensure students have easy access and support



Center Stage: Music & Arts Programs

With the support of the Novato Community, NUSD's music and art programs have received ongoing financial support from the parcel tax and School Fuel, Novato's Education Foundation.

The NUSD music program begins in elementary school. Students begin learning musical notes and rhythm in first grade, and are introduced to instruments in fourth grade.

Students have the opportunity to continue concentrated formal music instruction from sixth through twelfth grade. Novato High School offers the Marin School of the Arts (MSA), a specialized program for students who are passionate about the arts. The MSA provides strong traditional academics, combined with college-level arts training.

San Marin High School offers San Marin Arts and Technical Arts (smARTt). This is an integrated group of approved classes which include Visual, Performing, Writing, and Technical Arts.

NOTE: The Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding was approved by California voters in November 2022. These funds were not provided to NUSD until the 2023-2024 school year.



Athletics Highlights

"The Parcel Tax funding means a great deal for San Marin Athletics. The tax helps us cover repairs of athletic equipment, officials for all sports, fees, and dues for MCAL and NCS, concussion testing, among other things."

- Tyler Peterson
San Marin
High School
Athletic Director

AN ACCOUNTING OF YOUR PARCEL TAX DOLLARS

Current Parcel Tax
\$251
(has not increased since '09)

**Number of Paid
Parcels in 2021-22**
16,221

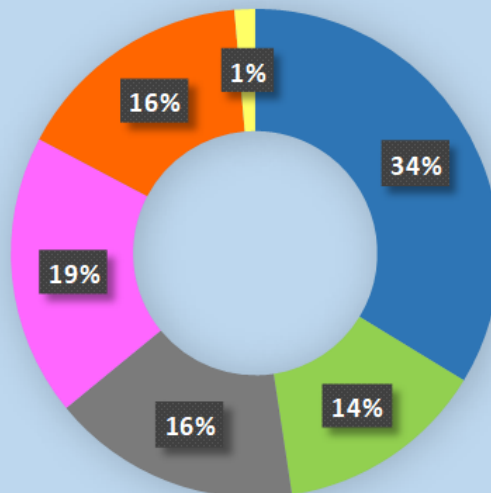
**Total Number of
Parcels in 2022-23**
19,861

**Number of Paid
Parcels in 2022-23**
16,325

**Number of Full-Time
Employees Funded**
34.4

**Number of Athletic
Coaches Funded**
88

**2022-23 Parcel Tax
Revenues**
\$4,097,695



\$1,381,480
Attract/Retain Teachers
& Class Size (34%)

\$569,018
Maintain Secondary
Counseling Ratios (14%)

\$675,167
Performing Arts
& Music (16%)

\$764,341
Libraries (19%)

\$651,865
Athletics (16%)

\$55,824
Site Allocations & Fee
Collection Expenses (1%)

2022-23 Total Parcel Tax Expenditures
\$4,097,695



NUSD Parcel Tax Spotlight on Libraries



I love the Rancho Elementary School library because...

“every book is a new adventure”

-Kaeli, grade 3

“each story is a new place to start”

-Bodhi, grade 3

“it’s a fun place to get lost in books”

-Zara, grade 4



Novato High School Students on the Library:

“It’s a quiet place to work, and a really fun place to hang out.”

-Danny, grade 12

“It’s very cozy and warm, and I like spending my mornings there.”

-Bella, grade 12

“It’s a calm environment and a place to come when you’re not feeling your best.” *-Aksel, grade 10*



The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee is proudly committed to providing library support, including:

all 13 Library Media Specialists,

the implementation and utilization of library software,

and the creation and success of library programs.



Pleasant Valley Elementary Students on the Library:

“Just being able to come in and see all the books is great! Then I get to pick one to bring home for one week.” *-Taylor, Kindergarten*

“This is the only library I go to, and I love it.” *-Dayanna, Kindergarten*

“I love the library! It makes me feel like I am in real school” *-Grace, grade 1*



“I believe that the library is the heart of the school, and is critical to every student’s learning experience. It’s a place to be curious, to learn, to read, and to feel welcome.”

-Cristy Cantieri, Sinaloa Middle School Library Media Specialist