



# Dixie School District Renewing Local School Funding for Student Success

Since 1864, Dixie School District (DSD) has provided local elementary and middle school students with a challenging and enriching education that promotes academic excellence and lifelong learning. Our local schools are recognized as some of the best in our city, county and state.

## Outstanding Education in Local Schools

For nearly 30 years, our Dixie schools have relied on locally-controlled parcel tax funding to maintain manageable class sizes, retain great teachers and offer challenging and enriching educational programs to all students. This funding helps prepare our students for high school, college and careers.

This critical source of local funding is now set to expire. Without this funding, \$1.9 million would have to be cut from the school district's annual budget, requiring class size increases, cuts to academic programs and lay-offs for teachers and school staff.

## Renewing Expiring Local Funding

To protect teaching and instructional programs in local elementary and middle schools, the Dixie School District Board of Trustees recently voted to place a measure on the May 8, 2018 all-mail ballot to renew existing parcel tax funding for 12 years. The measure would renew the current annual rate of \$352 per parcel and add \$118 per parcel. Funds from this measure would be used to:

- Attract and retain qualified teachers
- Maintain instructional materials and equipment for science programs
- Support core academic programs, including math, science, technology, reading and writing
- Maintain music programs and world language electives, such as French and Spanish classes
- Maintain classroom computers and technology instruction
- Maintain class sizes
- Keep school libraries open and maintain library services and materials

## Strict Fiscal Accountability

To ensure funds from the parcel tax renewal measure are spent as promised to protect quality education in local schools, the following mandatory fiscal accountability safeguards are required:

- All funding raised by this measure would benefit local schools and no funds could be taken by the State or other school districts
- By law, no funds from this measure could be used for administrator salaries
- An independent citizens' oversight committee, annual audits and reports to the community would continue to be required to ensure funds are spent as promised
- An optional exemption for senior citizens would continue to be available
- The amount may be adjusted by no more than 3% annually to ensure funding keeps pace with inflation and the cost of providing instruction
- The measure would automatically expire in 12 years and could not be extended without voter approval



## For More Information

As the Dixie School District continues to evaluate its priorities and future needs, we want to hear from you. For more information, please visit <http://www.dixieschooldistrict.org/>.