

MEASURE G – IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

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EDUCATION PARCEL TAX

Measure G is a special tax ordinance placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District. The ordinance is a renewal of a tax approved by the voters in 2016 which will expire on June 30, 2026. The tax proposed by Measure G would run eight years beginning July 1, 2026.

As a special tax, the proceeds of the tax may be spent only for the purposes specified in the ordinance and must be approved by two-thirds of the voters voting in the election. The special purposes listed in the ordinances are: (1) to maintain or expand art, music and dance programs; (2) reduce class sizes; (3) fund social emotional supports and programming to maintain and promote good health; (4) address immediate maintenance and safety issues and increase student safety; and (5) provide funding for necessary staff.

The proposed tax would be \$69 dollars per taxable parcel, which is \$10 more than the existing tax. Property that is otherwise exempt under state law is exempt from this tax, and further exemptions are available upon application for the residences owned and occupied by those 65 or older, by those with a disability receiving Supplementary Social Security Income, or those receiving Social Security Disability Income whose income does not exceed 250 percent of the 2012 federal poverty limit.

The proceeds of the tax would be placed in a separate account and the chief fiscal officer of the District would be required to file an annual report showing the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the tax. The Citizen's Oversight Committee created with the original tax in 2016 would continue to advise the Board of Trustees regarding expenditure of the proceeds of the tax.