Lakeside Joint School District \$820 Parcel Tax: Argument Against Measure J

TexT Begins This latest tax increase from Lakeside Joint School District is an attempt to use the state budget crisis to grab unearned money. The district wants to "extend" (read: increase) the 2010 parcel tax of \$311 per year for another 10 years, a year before its scheduled expiration in 2017, when families were expecting a boost to their household budgets.

> And the district wants a whopping increase to \$820 per parcel, to replace the existing parcel tax.

Have they earned an increase to \$820 per parcel — 2.6 times more than we have already been enduring? Do they deserve it?

Let's look at the student test scores for English learners attaining English proficiency:

2011-12 school year results:

45.1%

2012-13:

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47%

2013-14:

49%

[Source: Education Data Partnership, www.Ed-Data.org/district/Santa-Clara/lakeside-joint.]

That's 51% who have failed to achieve English proficiency — dismal!

Should we, the voters, reward a 51% failure rate with a pay increase?

If you answered "no," we encourage you to vote NO on Measure J.

The statewide average expense per student is \$8,788 per year, versus Lakeside Joint School District's \$19,495 — that's 222% above average! Yet they want more of our hard-earned money to pad their above-average salaries and fat pension plans.

Measure J says that none of the funds will be used for administration. But, funds generated outside of this parcel tax can be used for administration expenses without limits. So, that is really an empty promise. Do not be fooled.

Here are the latest average teacher salaries for the district:

2011-12: Salary = \$75,905. Statewide average = \$74,090.

Plus, teachers get a super generous benefits package. Their "family plan" costs us \$7,900 per teacher per year.

Tell the Lakeside Joint School District board to be financially responsible: Vote NO on J.



For more information, please visit:

www.SVTaxpayers.org/2016-lakeside-joint-parcel-tax

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