

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Bond and Parcel Tax Report 2009/10

School Bond and Parcel Tax Funds at Work!

Fall 2010/11

Novato High School



Woodshop

Novato Unified School District trustees and staff extend their appreciation to the Novato community for transforming facilities into effective learning environments. Enhanced science labs, music rooms, computer labs, libraries, Americans with disabilities improvements, safety compliance and athletic facilities extend learning opportunities for our students. Coupled with facilities improvements, the Parcel Tax program ensures quality instruction with smaller class-size, K-12 visual and performing arts, technology, math and science, quality PE programs, library clerks, and high school athletics; all a direct result of your generosity.

Bond funds are restricted; they can only be used on ballot language expenditures. The Bond Oversight Committee ensures compliance and alignment with ballot language expenditures. Parcel Tax funds also align with ballot language, and the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee oversees these funds.

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate your continued support of our students, our learning environments, and our academic program achievements. We have accomplished these improvements with you as partners. On behalf of the students of Novato, we wish to express our thanks to each of you.

Dr. Jan La Torre-Derby
Superintendent

PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thank you for your continued support through a parcel tax measure originally passed in 1992, and renewed in 1997, 2005 and June 2009. Your tax dollars directly benefit NUSD students through class size reduction (20:1), school libraries, counseling services, visual and performing arts, technology, athletics and maintaining small class sizes in secondary math and science. During the 2009-2010 school year, the community-supported parcel tax generated over \$4.2 million for our schools.

This parcel tax is a much-needed stabilizing source of revenue for NUSD. As the State continues to cut funding for schools, we can count on our local parcel tax to keep funding these important programs.

I am pleased to report that NUSD is allocating funds in alignment with the ballot language to directly benefit our children. Our parcel tax committee, currently seven members, oversees the \$4.2 million annual budget and provides an annual report to the NUSD Board of Trustees.

In 2005, a reserve was established to enable program funding to continue even as expenses increase throughout the life of the tax. That reserve has grown so that it can now provide some relief to NUSD during the current budget crisis, through June 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

Robin Rodi
Chairperson of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

2009/10 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Members:
Robin Rodi, Kent Barnes, Christine Harrison, Dale Kline,
Kimberly McClure and Jeff Whitman

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Measure A committee is faced with changing circumstances as to the bond fund proceeds and its expenditures. Legally the entire proceeds from the fund have been spent. The related 29 million of matching funds from the state have not been spent. We are pleased that the priorities for these matching funds have been established by a methodology devised by the facilities manager. Through an exhaustive listing of projects needing funding under the guidelines of the original bond fund, there has been established a project priority list agreed upon by a majority of the NUSD Board of Trustees. We as an advisory committee are in agreement with this list and concur with the project priorities. It is our hope that as many of these projects will be accomplished with the remaining funds as possible.

We hope in the future that an additional facilities bond can be passed by the voters of Novato, and that it will be managed as well as this last one.

Sincerely,

Thomas Meehan,
Chairperson of the COC

2009/10 Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Members:
Tom Meehan, Bernadette Bolger, Jason Burt, Paul DeLoria, Tom James,
Greg Mack and Jeffrey Vaillant



An Accounting of Your Parcel Tax Dollars

- ▶ The new parcel tax increased from \$155 to \$251 (+\$96) per parcel in 2009.
- ▶ The number of paid parcels dropped from 17,856 in 2008-2009 to 17,053 in 2009-2010 due to increased senior exemptions.
- ▶ In 2009-2010, your parcel tax dollars funded 60,7894 full time employees and 88 coaching positions.

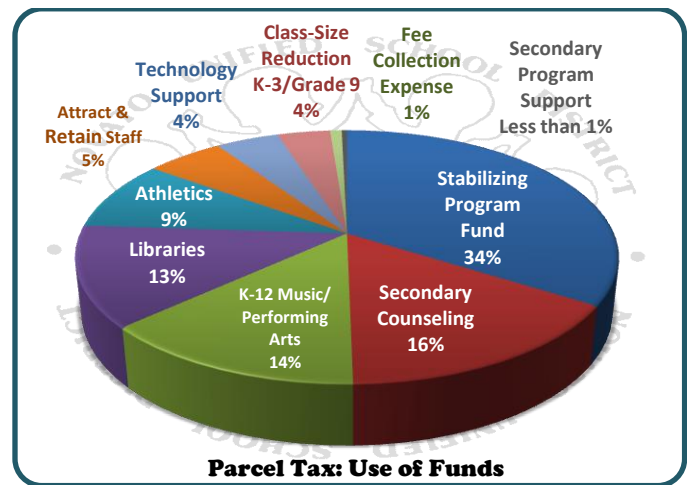
■ 2009-2010 Parcel Tax Revenues = \$4,294,002

■ 2009-2010 Parcel Tax Expenditures = \$4,271,084

Parcel tax revenues have funded a variety of programs that ensure quality instruction as detailed in the parcel tax language:

Minimize layoffs for qualified and experienced teachers and school employees ▪ Avoid significant increases in class sizes in all grades ▪ Maintain outstanding instructional programs that help students succeed, such as competitive science and math programs ▪ Maintain computers and classroom technology ▪ Keep school libraries open and staffed ▪ Protect programs and services that help students qualify for college and prepare students for good jobs ▪ Protect music, art, and athletic programs that provide a well-rounded education for district kids ▪ Keep school counselors

Stabilizing Program Fund	\$1,452,187	34%
Secondary Counseling	\$670,614	16%
K-12 Music/Performing Arts	\$577,114	14%
Libraries	\$547,365	13%
Athletics	\$384,497	9%
Attract & Retain Staff	\$235,000	6%
Technology Support	\$192,062	4%
Class-Size Reduction K-3/Grade 9	\$161,046	4%
Fee Collection Expense	\$35,223	1%
Secondary Program Support	\$15,976	0%
	\$4,271,084	100%



Citizen's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

A Citizen's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee was formed to ensure that tax proceeds are spent for their authorized purposes, and to report annually to the Board of Trustees and the public regarding expenditure of such funds.

The committee is comprised of 11 local community members representing the following groups:

Senior Citizens	1 member	North Marin Council of PTA	1 member
Business Community	1 member	Parents	4 members
Local Real Estate Organizations	1 member	Community at-Large	3 members

The committee has been meeting and will present their report to the Board of Trustees and the public. *Currently there are vacancies on this vital committee*; if you're interested in participating, or simply have questions about the Novato school parcel tax, please call 415-897-4298.

Site-by-site summary of the projects completed to date, as well as projects planned for the near future

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY

Future projects: athletic field improvements

2001-2008

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Library modernized
- Paved kindergarten area
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded heating system

LOMA VERDE ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Library modernized
- Paved parking area
- Playing field renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing/skylights
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded heating system

LU SUTTON ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2003-2008

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing field renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Structural repairs
- Upgraded exterior lighting
- Upgraded heating system

LYNWOOD ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved kindergarten area
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing field renovated
- Replaced roofing/skylights
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm & signal system

OLIVE ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2008

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved drainage
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing field renovated
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded heating system

PLEASANT VALLEY ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2007

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

RANCHO ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2006

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Structural repairs
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded electrical system

SAN RAMON ELEMENTARY

All Projects Complete

2002-2008

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Paved play areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired roofing
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Projects Complete

2009-2010

- Classrooms modernized

2002-2008

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Improved parking lot drainage
- Paved parking areas
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

SAN JOSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Projects Complete

2002-2006

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced covered patio roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Structural repairs
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded heating system

SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL

All Projects Complete

2002-2006

- Classrooms modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system

NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL

All Projects Complete

2009-2010

- Classrooms modernized

2002-2008

- Classrooms, labs modernized
- Converted auto shop to a film studio
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Installed bleachers
- Installed synthetic turf/all-weather track
- Locker rooms renovated
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Repaired and painted exteriors
- Replaced roofing
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
- Structural repairs
- Upgraded electrical system
- Upgraded fire alarm and signal system
- Upgraded heating system

SAN MARIN HIGH SCHOOL

All Projects Complete

2009-2010

- Installed visitor bleachers
- Re-enforced revetment wall

2002-2008

- Classrooms, labs modernized
- Improved access for fire protection
- Improved exterior lighting
- Installed bleachers
- Installed synthetic turf/all-weather track
- Paved pathways and parking areas
- Playing fields renovated
- Restrooms renovated
- Site accessibility addressed (ADA)
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OTHER PROJECTS

State law mandates that bond funds be utilized to provide partial funding of the facility needs of our charter school. To date, the obligation has been met for the Novato Charter School facility.

Hill Middle School Music Room



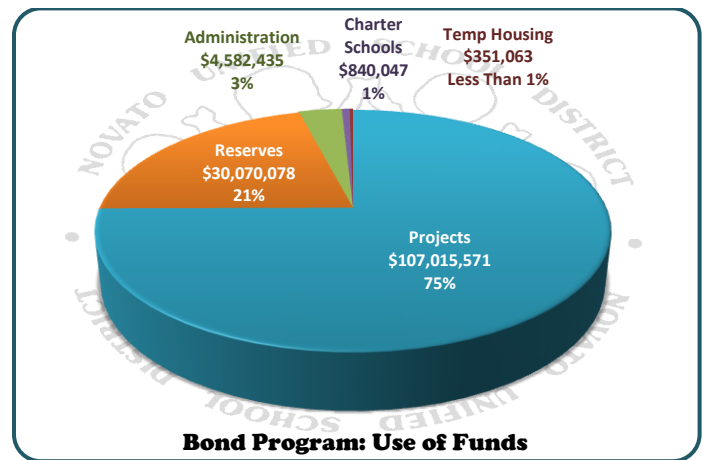
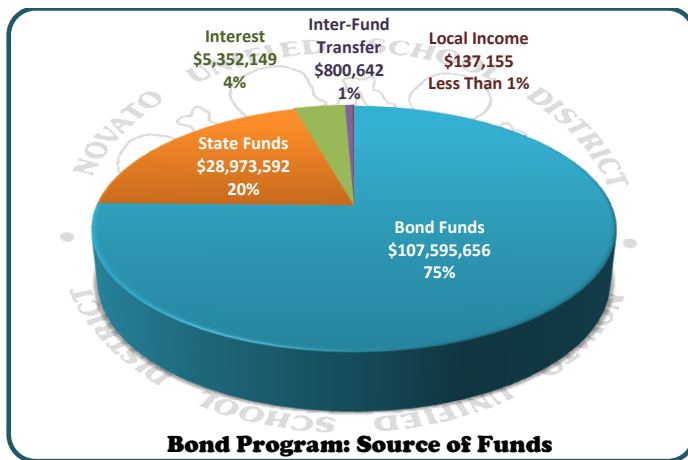


An Accounting of Your School Bond Tax Dollars

The Measure A facility bond approved by Novato voters in 2001 provided \$107 million for the improvement of all school campuses in the Novato Unified School District. State matching funds and interest earnings have provided another \$34 million, resulting in a \$141 million facility program for our schools. As of 2009-2010, all bond funds have been spent, with the exception of \$30 million placed in reserves.

These funds have been utilized to provide for a variety of repairs, renovations and improvements; most significantly to address health and safety issues and to modernize classrooms. Classroom modernization typically includes the installation of:

New flooring ▪ Ceilings and lighting ▪ Paint and tack able wall surfaces ▪ Cabinets ▪ Learning wall, a casework system that includes rolling whiteboards ▪ Heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (existing) ▪ Electrical plugs and fire alarm systems ▪ Computer connection for students and staff



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San Marin High School



Retentment Wall and Bleachers