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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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To the Members of the Board of Education						
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Attached is the weekly update from School Services of California for your review.



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DATE: June 10, 2016
TO: Jose Banda
Superintendent
AT: Sacramento City Unified School District
FROM: Your SSC Legislative Team
RE: *SSC's Sacramento Weekly Update*

Last Friday, June 3, 2016, was the deadline for bills to pass out of their first house, so this week marks the first week that policy committees are predominately taking up bills that are now in their second house. The Senate Education Committee held its first postdeadline hearing this week, with 30 measures from the Assembly up for consideration. A sample of measures considered include the following bills:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1660 (Cooper, D-Elk Grove) eliminates the sunset of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), and instead requires legislative hearings every seven years in conjunction with the release of a report on CIF activities. The bill passed out of committee to the Senate floor.
- AB 1918 (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach) authorizes the issuance of temporary certificates to teachers employed at nonpublic schools while their credential applications are being processed. The bill was passed to the Senate Appropriations Committee with a recommendation that it be placed on consent.
- AB 2537 (O'Donnell) eliminates the statutory "sunset" of the provisions of current law that authorize a school district to enroll a student where at least one parent is employed by an employer situated within the boundaries of the district. AB 2537 moves to the Senate consent calendar.
- AB 2615 (Wood, D-Santa Rosa) makes numerous changes and revisions to existing after school programs, including the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program, the After School Education and Safety program, and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers. This bill was passed to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

While many bills at this hearing were virtually guaranteed passage by being placed on the Committee's consent file, one bill, AB 2336 authored by Assembly Member Kristin Olsen (R-Modesto), was held. The bill would have authorized a person holding an emergency 30-day substitute teacher permit to serve as a special education substitute teacher for up to 40 cumulative days during the school year—double the time allowed under current law.

Local bond and parcel tax results from Tuesday’s election were promising, with voters showing their support for K-12 school districts and community colleges by passing 86% of the General Obligation bond measures, the School Facility Improvement District measures, and parcel tax measures that were on the ballot. Proposals approved by voters ran as small as \$4 million, such as Camino Union School District in El Dorado County for critical health and safety needs and basic repairs, to authorizations in the hundreds of millions of dollars—Chabot-Las Positas Community College District in Alameda County to upgrade classrooms, retrofit for earthquake safety, and improve campus security, among other things (\$950 million); and Montebello Unified School District to upgrade computer and science labs, fix leaky roofs, and other needed repairs, and construction (\$300 million). Regardless of the size, the total of more than \$5 billion in bond financing and parcel tax authorizations supported by voters at this ballot provides critically necessary funding for construction, modernization, and maintenance of facilities at a time when state financing has dried up.

The Conference Committee on the Budget is meeting this week in anticipation of completing the Legislature’s work in the 2016-17 State Budget by the June 15 deadline. Watch for an SSC *Fiscal Report* article to bring the latest information on Conference Committee actions.

Nancy LaCasse
Robert Miyashiro

Note: If this is reflective of the mood of the electorate, and it holds through the fall, then tax measures on the November ballot may receive favorable treatment.

Calif. Local Taxes: More Than $\frac{3}{4}$ Passed Statewide

By Sharon Noguchi
East Bay Times
June 8, 2016

The success of tax measures in Tuesday's election elated local officials and has encouraged others seeking voter approval for more taxes in November.

In the Bay Area, every school bond and parcel tax on the ballot passed or was headed toward approval as of Wednesday. Also passing were an unprecedented San Francisco Bay wetlands tax, San Jose's quarter-cent sales tax, a Santa Clara County parks fund, a Santa Cruz library tax, an Orinda roads and sewer tax, and a Pittsburg half-cent sales tax. In Albany \$95 million in two school bond measures handily passed, including one that required a two-thirds majority.

"Measures B and E election results are a big win for Albany students," exclaimed Albany district spokeswoman Jacqueline Manibusan.

Passing two bond measures at once is rare, said Michael Coleman, who tracks tax measures for the League of California Cities.

Statewide, more than three-quarters of the school bond and parcel tax measures succeeded or were inching toward passage, with results in a handful of elections hinging on uncounted ballots. All seven school parcel taxes and 13 majority-vote city tax proposals passed, with one in the tiny Lakeside School District in the Santa Cruz Mountains and one in Compton too close to call.

Political observer Larry Gerston, a professor emeritus at San Jose State, credited the economy, noting that Santa Clara County's unemployment rate is a mere 3.9 percent.

"That's beyond the description of full employment," he said. "That's a pretty good indicator that people are willing to part with a buck."

But Coleman said approval hinges on more than economic factors. Voters tend to weigh the integrity of the various institutions seeking tax hikes, and approval often depends on how well agencies communicate their situation and needs, he said.

Tuesday's statewide passage rate of tax measures was higher than normal for a primary, he said, but generally within the usual range of success.

Coleman estimates that 240 tax and bond measures will be on fall ballots, compared with 89 in Tuesday's primary. The measures will likely include statewide propositions to extend a tax on the wealthy to fund schools, a \$9 billion school bond, a tobacco tax, regional transportation taxes and many school taxes.

The Berkeley Unified School District will seek an eight-year extension on its parcel tax in November, based on square footage and eliminating distinctions between business and residential rates.

The passage of taxes around the Bay Area is encouraging, said district spokesman Mark Coplan.

But the heap of provisional ballots needing verification and late-arriving mailed ballots are keeping some school officials on pins and needles.

A day after the election, Brentwood Union School District's bond measure was squeaking by with just over the required 55 percent of the vote while the Contra Costa County Elections Division still faced a slew of ballots to count. The suspense could stretch out for two weeks, Scott Konopasek, assistant county register, said.

Results of the election will determine whether Brentwood Union can build another elementary school and upgrade 11 campuses.

In tiny Oakley, a parcel tax that would have funded a larger library was one of the few tax measures to fail. Officials blamed in part a low turnout, which was just three-fifths of what officials had expected.

In November, many local officials are banking on a high turnout to support their tax measures. It is as good a time as any to seek public funding, Coleman said. But he also issued a word of caution.

Governments that are desperate but not transparent, inclusive or responsive may be disappointed, he said. "If you just throw it up on the ballot wall, it's not going to stick and is going to get voted down," he said. What's required, he said, is "a thoughtful process that helps people understand what their money is going to go for. Then people are more willing to vote for it."

Local Voters Once Again Overwhelmingly Support K-14 Bonds

By Brianna García and Carmen Thompson
Fiscal Report Article
June 8, 2016

The elections held throughout California yesterday, June 7, 2016, not only provided the electorate with a voice in who would eventually represent them in local, state, and federal offices, but also provided them with another opportunity to support local K-14 bond and tax measures for the funding of facilities projects and instructional programs.

Continuing the pattern of recent years, voters overwhelmingly showed their support for K-14 districts by passing 86% of the General Obligation (GO) Bond measures and 100% of both the School Facility Improvement District (SFID) and parcel tax measures on the ballot.

There were a total of 53 local measures on ballots across California. Of the 44 GO Bond measures, totaling \$5.823 billion, 38 of them passed for a total of \$5.089 billion. Both of the SFID measures, totaling \$358.6 million, passed, as did all seven parcel tax measures.

We congratulate all of the school and community college districts that passed local tax measures. And we thank California voters who, during both good times and bad, recognize the importance of supporting our children and their educational experiences.

[Click here](#) for preliminary election results—as compiled from a survey of all 58 county Registrar of Voters. As always, if you find any omissions or mistakes, please do not hesitate to contact Carmen Thompson at carment@sscal.com in our office.



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Subject: Highlights of Calendar for the Week of June 13						

Monday, June 13

- Executive Cabinet Meeting
- 1:1 Meeting with Cabinet Members
- Graduation Ceremony – Luther Burbank High School
- Graduation Ceremony – Hiram W. Johnson High School

Tuesday, June 14

- Meeting with Member Hansen
- 1:1 Meeting with Cabinet Members
- Meeting with Ryan Neese
- Graduation Ceremony – West Campus High School
- Graduation Ceremony – Rosemont High School

Wednesday, June 15

- 1:1 Meeting with Cabinet Members
- Operations Cabinet
- Graduation Ceremony – Kennedy High School

Thursday, June 16

- Board Meeting Day
- Graduation Ceremony – The Met High School

Friday, June 17

- Meeting with Member Rodriguez
- Board Debrief Meeting



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As we prepare for next week’s Board meeting, we wanted to share with you links to research on the benefits of dedicated collaborative time for teachers. Information from these trusted sources can be used in discussions with your constituents:

- Michael Fullan’s chapter in *Coherence* on Collaborative Culture as well as the article here that also references Richard Elmore’s work
<http://www.michaelfullan.ca/media/13396072310.pdf>
- The Dufours on Professional Learning Communities
<http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/may04/vol61/num08/What-Is-a-Professional-Learning-Community%C2%A2.aspx>
- Learning Forward <http://learningforward.org/standards/learning-communities#.V0nSINrI-U>
work on Learning Communities as part of the Standards for Professional Learning
- Linda Darling Hammond <https://learningforward.org/docs/pdf/nsdcstudy2009.pdf>
- Anthony Bryk
<http://edr.sagepub.com/content/44/9/467.full.pdf+html?ijkey=nivlR./JY.5Y6&keytype=ref&siteid=spedr>



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With the last day of school fast approaching, we are preparing a letter to parents to let them know about possible bell schedule changes for next year should SCTA membership and the Board of Education approve the new tentative agreement. The final day of school is June 16 and we plan to backpack the letter home to families before summer break. That means the letter will be distributed before the Board vote. The language of the letter clearly states that schedule changes are pending Board approval. It will be translated and we hope to get it to principals early next week.

Over the summer, we will be developing a communications plan to ensure that all families are aware of early release Thursdays by the time school starts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.