

## Information About Measure K Emery USD Teacher Retention & Student Achievement Measure

Emery Unified School District (EUSD) is committed to preparing all students for college and 21st century careers.

We live in one of the most expensive counties in the country, which has affected our ability to attract and retain highly-qualified teachers.

Great teachers are at the center of student achievement. Thanks to them and our community – and despite being one of the lowest funded districts in California – our students' academic performance and graduation rates have significantly improved.

To help retain teachers and maintain quality education for all students, EUSD has placed Measure K on the March 2020 ballot. Measure K requires a 2/3rds vote to pass. Thank you for making an informed decision before you vote. Please read on for more information.

Sincerely, Dr. Quiauna Scott Superintendent

# Measure K Quick Facts

Measure K is intended to:

- Provide stable local funding to recruit and retain excellent teachers.
- Expand after-school programs for all ages.
- Continue to improve Emery USD's academic performance and graduation rates.

Emery USD is one of the lowest funded Districts in California. All Measure K funding stays local, with no funding that can be taken by the state.

### Measure K – Emery USD Teacher Retention & Student Achievement Measure Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q: What is Measure K?

A: The Emery USD Board of Trustees unanimously placed the Teacher Retention and Student Achievement Measure, Measure K, on the March 2020 ballot to recruit and retain experienced teachers, maintain outstanding academic programs, and support the health and well-being of all students.

#### Q: How will Measure K help retain teachers?

A: Measure K is intended to provide stable local funding to help attract and retain highly qualified teachers by making salaries competitive with surrounding districts so they can afford to live where they work, instead of leaving for other Districts.

#### Q: How does Measure K provide students with a well-rounded education?

A: Measure K is intended to expand after school programs for all ages including science and engineering, school sports, and other enrichment classes to keep kids busy and engaged.

#### Q: What other priorities will Measure K address?

A: The following priorities Measure K will address include:

- Maintaining outstanding core academic programs and student achievement in reading, writing, math, science, and arts
- Preparing students with skills for college and 21st century careers
- Providing students more educational enrichment opportunities like music, art and world languages

#### **Q:** Is Measure K Fiscally Accountable?

A: Yes. Measure K includes accountability measures including Independent Citizens' Oversight to ensure that all monies are spent as promised. No money can be spent on administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. All funding will be spent locally and none can be taken by Sacramento.

#### **Q:** When is the election?

A: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.