



# Supporting Our Neighborhood Schools

Union School District provides an excellent education for students in our neighborhood schools. Schools in the Union School District are ranked at or above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state for student academic achievement. All of our children receive a first-class education at their own neighborhood school.

## ***Why does Union School District need a local funding measure?***

Union School District has been able to operate on a lean budget, while continuing to provide our students with an excellent education. However, the state continues to be an unreliable source of education funding.

To protect top-notch academic programs and retain qualified teachers, our schools require stable funding to ensure continued student success. This is why the Board of Trustees is considering placing a local education funding measure on a mail-only ballot in May 2010. All funds from this measure would stay right here in our local schools and could not be taken away by the state.



## ***How would this measure support student achievement in our schools?***

- ✓ Support and protect core academic programs like English, math and science
- ✓ Retain experienced and qualified teachers in our schools
- ✓ Keep our schools safe
- ✓ Provide needed classroom materials like books, pencils and notebooks
- ✓ Maintain small class sizes

## ***How would these funds be used efficiently and effectively?***

- ✓ Every dollar from this measure would stay here in our local schools and could not be taken by the state
- ✓ The measure would expire in 6 years and could not be renewed without voter approval
- ✓ Annual audits conducted by independent auditor
- ✓ Citizen oversight committee would monitor all spending
- ✓ Homeowners age 65 and older may file for an exemption

## ***How do I vote in the May 4 Mail-Only Election?***

All registered voters who live in the Union School District will automatically receive a ballot by mail in early April. When you receive your ballot, fill it out and return it by mail (no postage necessary). There will be no polling places for this election day. You must mail in your completed ballot for your vote to count.

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