

CITIZENS' MEASURE A OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

"Local funding that helps protect quality education"

Report of the 2013-2014 Measure A Arcadia Teacher and Academic Instruction Protection Measure

Background

In March of 2012, voters in the Arcadia Unified School District passed a \$228 per parcel tax for 5 years in order to help offset severe state budget cuts to neighborhood schools and keep Arcadia schools among the best in California by providing funds which cannot be taken away by Sacramento.

The local funds help protect quality education by:

- Retaining and attracting high quality teachers
- Protecting quality math, science, reading, art and music programs
- Keeping schools safe and clean
- Maintaining advanced placement and honors courses, in such subjects as physics, chemistry and biology
- Preventing the reduction or elimination of extra-curricular activities for students, like the Arcadia High School Marching Band

An oversight committee was formed for the purpose of reviewing the annual expenditures of the parcel tax to confirm compliance with the voter authorized use of these funds.

2013-2014 Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee



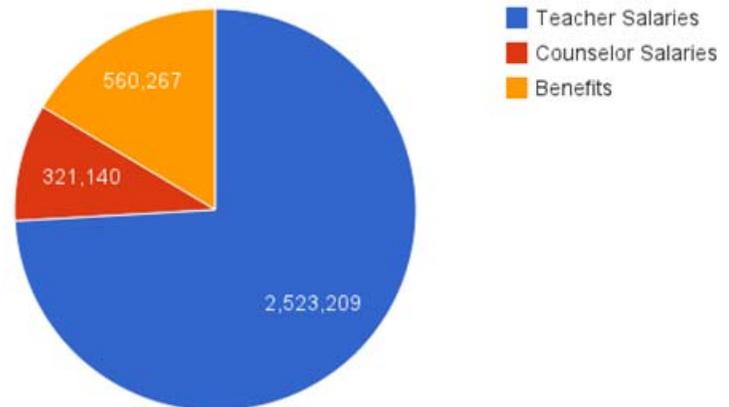
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Financial Summary

Income: The total parcel tax amount collected in 2013-2014 was \$3,408,440.

Expenditures: The following chart shows the total expenditures in 2013-2014. All of the money collected was expended. All of the parcel tax revenue was used for salaries, supporting core academic programs, and attracting/retaining outstanding teachers and counselors. County administrative fees of \$3,824 were charged for the cost of collecting and disseminating the parcel tax.

Parcel Tax Expenditures



Chairperson's Message

On behalf of the members serving on the Citizens' Measure A Oversight Committee, I am pleased to present our 2013-2014 Annual Report. Our major responsibility is to ensure that proceeds from the parcel tax are spent only for the purposes set forth in Measure A. In fulfilling that charge, we held three meetings this year and reviewed all expenditures to determine that they were in fact spent as required. The independent accountancy firm of Nigro & Nigro has completed an annual audit, including Measure A, as of June 30, 2014 and certified that AUSD has complied with all the parcel tax measure requirements.

Vicky Stiles