

Good morning NUSD Community,

I would like to share the following override information with everyone as this initiative will be included on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot. As many of you know, the NUSD Governing Board approved a resolution calling for a CONTINUATION of the override currently in effect that allows for 6.39 percent more budget capacity collected by property taxes. While the District cannot lobby for or against the measure, it can provide general information about the override so that voters can make an informed decision.

A Maintenance and Operation override allows for a school district to increase its budget capacity by collecting additional taxes to fund for academic and extra-curricular purposes within the regular Maintenance and Operation budget. NUSD is seeking a continuation of the existing Maintenance and Operation override funding that was approved by voters in 2010.

The proposed override continuation would approve funding programs currently serving District students, and it would be paid through property tax collection from private residents and businesses for a period of seven years. For the first five years, the amount is the same as the amount authorized at the election and then funding decreases in the sixth year and seventh years, ending completely after the seventh year. In order to maintain approximately the same level funding under the override authority, a District must call for a new override election before the sixth year phase-down kicks in.

NUSD is in its fifth year of the current override in the 2014-2015 school year. The proposed Maintenance and Operation continuation override, if approved, would phase down for the 2020-2021 and the 2021-2022 school years.

A school district can ask for as much as a 15 percent increase. NUSD is currently approved at 6.39 percent. The proposed Maintenance and Operation override is considered a continuation of current taxes already levied rather than an increase. The override would bring an estimated \$1.6 million to the District and would require continuation of an estimated tax rate of approximately \$1.41 per \$100 of assessed valuation for secondary property tax purposes. On a residence valued at \$79,906 (the full cash value of an owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the average assessed valuation of residential property for the current year in the District), the override would add an estimated \$112.59 a year to the tax payments or less than \$10 a month. On a commercial property valued at \$495,246 (the full cash values of a business whose assessed valuation is the average of assessed valuation of commercial property for the current year in the District), the proposed Maintenance and Operation override would add an estimated \$1,325.82 a year.

Currently, 47 percent of the amount raised by existing Maintenance and Operation override goes to funding extra-curricular programs, including athletics, the arts, and student clubs. Another 40 percent allows for a salary incentive of \$1,500 for teachers and \$500 for classified staff who sign their contracts by a given date or are new to the District. Administrators are not paid or included in this incentive. The other 13 percent is divided among after-school tutoring, other programs such as Young Audiences, (exposure to the arts), the DARE program,

International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement honors offerings at Nogales High School and overall honors programs.

Thank you,  
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