

Mill Valley School District Budget Emergency

The State of California ranks 46th in student spending and has the largest class sizes in the nation. Our great community support in Mill Valley has shielded our schools from the worst budget cuts so far. But with a dramatic increase in enrollment, our schools in Mill Valley are now facing multi-million dollar budget deficits. Without new funding there is a significant risk of increased class sizes and the loss of special programs.

- **Revenue is NOT Linked to Enrollment:** 77% of school revenues come from local property and parcel taxes. School revenue does NOT increase with enrollment.
- **Student Enrollment Is Up and Revenue Is Flat:** Mill Valley is the second fastest growing school district in the North and South Bay. In the last two years, enrollment has increased by 7.67% with no increase in revenue.
- **No Easy Budget Cuts:** After years of cutting expenses, the school budget is already lean. Without new revenue, the district may be forced to cut teachers and staff, increase class size, eliminate programs, and shorten the school year.
- **No Help from State or Federal Government:** State and Federal funding is only 6% of our Mill Valley school budget and it is not expected to increase any time soon.

Our Community Funds Public Education

The decision to fund public education is a community responsibility. If we are going to solve the school budget emergency, it will take the whole community coming together to find the right solutions.

- **Local Parcel Tax:** In 2008, Mill Valley voters overwhelmingly passed an increase to the local parcel tax with a 74% yes vote. The School Board is discussing putting a new parcel tax on the November 2012 ballot. If it passes, it will provide needed local revenue for Mill Valley schools that cannot be taken by the state.
- **State Ballot Measures:** There are three school ballot measures that may qualify for the November 2012 ballot. The CA State PTA is supporting Our Children, Our Future. If it passes, it will provide an additional \$1,000 per student directly to each school through an increase in the state income tax.
- **Kiddo! and PTA Donations:** Raising almost \$2.5 million this year, Kiddo! and PTA donations pay for music, art, teacher's aids, technology, supplies and more. Now more than ever, they need our continued support.

Our Mill Valley Schools Need Your Help!

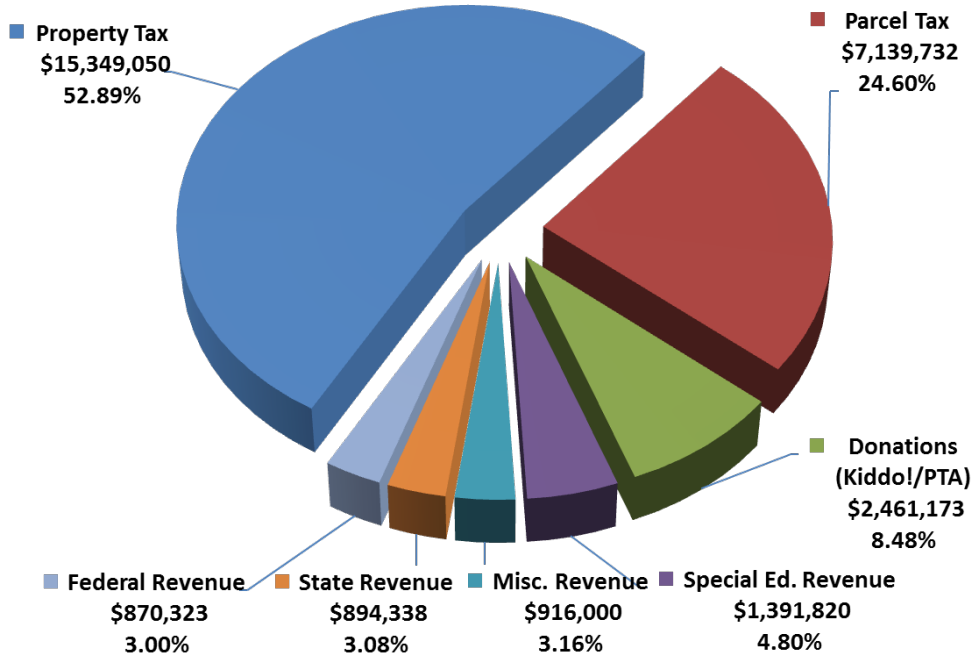
Mill Valley School Advocates is a group of parents, educators and neighbors working together to build the needed community support to fully fund our public schools. We are organizing school by school and neighbor to neighbor to solve this problem. By working together we can make great things happen.

Sign up to get email updates and learn about volunteer opportunities at SchoolAdvocates.org.

Come to a one-hour organizing meeting at your school and learn how you can help.

Strawberry School Advocates Meeting Friday, March 2 nd at 9:00 AM Strawberry Point Multi-Purpose Room	Edna Maguire School Advocates Meeting Mar. 5 th , 8:45 AM AND Mar. 5 th , 6:30 PM Edna Maguire Multi-Purpose Room	Tam Valley School Advocates Meeting Monday, March 12th, 8:45 AM Tam School Library
Park School Advocates Meeting Friday, March 2 nd , 9:00 AM Park School Library	Old Mill School Advocates Meeting Wed., March 7th, 9:00 AM Old Mill School, Room 8	Middle School Advocates Meeting Sunday, March 18th, 2:05 PM Middle School Library

Mill Valley School District Revenue 2011-12



Mill Valley School District Expenditures 2011-12

