




# Maintaining Excellence

An Update from Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District


**COTATI-ROHNERT PARK**  
 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Learning for a Lifetime - Committed to the Future*  
**Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District**  
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## Our Local Schools

### Elementary Schools

- Evergreen
- John Reed
- Marguerite Hahn
- Monte Vista
- Richard Crane
- University Elementary at La Fiesta



### TK-8 & Middle Schools

- Lawrence Jones
- Technology
- Thomas Page Academy



### High Schools

- El Camino
- Rancho Cotate
- Technology



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**Take Our Survey!**  
 Complete the attached survey to let us know your priorities for the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District. You may also take the survey online by visiting [tinyurl.com/CRPUSD-Survey23](http://tinyurl.com/CRPUSD-Survey23).



# CRPUSD's Plan to Maintain Excellent Local Schools



## Dear Neighbor,

I am thrilled to start my tenure as the new superintendent of Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District (CRPUSD). As our halls once again become filled with the vibrant presence of students growing and learning, I am excited to extend a warm welcome to the students, faculty and staff in our local schools. Let's come together and embrace the challenges and triumphs that lie ahead, fostering a spirit of unity, growth and excellence throughout our school community.



## A Special Thank You

Our outstanding teachers are at the core of our efforts to ensure high-quality academic instruction for all students. It is our teachers who provide a quality education for local students and prepare our graduates for college and the workforce.

## Maintaining Quality Education and Student Success

For over a decade, local schools have benefited from locally controlled parcel tax funding that cannot be taken away by the State. With the State only providing enough money for basic education, this funding helps to attract and retain qualified teachers and support quality academic programs. However, this funding is set to expire.

## Protecting Teachers & Academic Programs

Unless expiring funding is renewed by local voters, our local schools will lose approximately \$1.3 million in annual funding. To preserve locally-controlled funding for CRPUSD schools, the Board of Education is considering placing a measure on the ballot to renew expiring parcel tax funding without increasing the tax rate. More information about this proposed measure is enclosed.






Community engagement is a key component of CRPUSD's mission as we plan for the future and consider potential funding options. Your input is very important to us; please fill out the survey card attached to this mailer or visit [tinyurl.com/CRPUSD-Survey23](http://tinyurl.com/CRPUSD-Survey23) to share your priorities for local education.

Sincerely,

  
Maité Iturri  
Superintendent  
Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District

## Renewing Expiring School Funding

To maintain locally-controlled school funding, the CRPUSD Board of Education is exploring placing a measure on the ballot next year for local voters to consider that would renew the funding that is set to expire. This proposed measure would extend the current rate of \$89 per year without increasing taxes. If approved by local voters, renewed funding from this measure could continue to be used to:

-  Improve quality core academic programs including science, technology, engineering and math instruction
-  Attract and retain qualified teachers
-  Maintain reduced class sizes
-  Provide career and job training
-  Protect art and music instruction



## Fiscal Accountability and Local Control

The local school funding renewal measure would continue existing fiscal accountability requirements, including:

- All funds raised by the measure must only go to local CRPUSD schools and cannot be taken away by Sacramento
- An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory annual audits would continue to ensure funds are spent as promised
- None of the money raised could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions
- Senior citizens and people with disabilities on SSI would continue to be eligible for an exemption from the cost



We Want to Hear from You!

As CRPUSD explores funding options to maintain our quality local education, we value your thoughts. Please complete the attached survey card and mail it back to let us know your priorities for our neighborhood schools. You may also take the survey online by scanning the QR code.

## PLEASE RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS:

	HIGH	MED	LOW	
Improve quality core academic programs including science, technology, engineering and math instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you currently have children attending CRPUSD schools? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Comments/Questions: _____
Attract and retain qualified teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maintain reduced class sizes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Provide career and job training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Protect art and music instruction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	