

Election Update

Thank you to all the people who supported the District in this election.

We are pleased to announce that, from your support as of November 13th, the voters of the District have approved the Capital Override 53.3% to 46.7%. In May, when the Governing Board approved calling for the election they wanted the override to make a difference, so they asked the District Administration to really look at the Capital Override program and make it meaningful. Because of the approval of the voters, the District will be implementing **Full Day Kindergarten** beginning July 2013. The District is excited to be hiring additional Kindergarten teachers. Also included in the Capital Override that will be implemented beginning July 2013 is an increase in Technology; an expansion of the 1:1 project (each student in selected classes gets a device to integrate with their instruction). Textbook and instructional material budgets will double. The District is looking forward to making a difference and showing the community that the investment they made on Tuesday is worth it.

The District has been asked "what does the failure of Prop 204 mean?" It means that the one-cent sales tax will end in May 2013. This is a loss of \$922 million in revenue to the State general fund. The State has indicated that they do not expect further cuts to education, but the current cuts are expected to remain in place for the 2013-14 school year. The State is able to do this because there is a surplus that can be used to balance the budget. It is harder to estimate the impact in the 2014-15 school year, so we will leave that to a future update.

The failure of Prop 204 means that the current \$1.5 million in capital cuts to the District are expected to continue. The support and approval of the community for the Capital Override is even more important than anticipated. Thank you for voting and for your support.