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Dear Board of Trustees,

As taxpayers and campaigners for Measure G, we believe the District should view spending these funds with a lens of equity. These funds should help narrow, not widen, the differences in educational opportunities offered to Davis students.

Therefore, please direct the district's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee to perform a regular annual demographic survey review to assess which students benefit from local school parcel tax funding. Ask: Do a demographically balanced cross-section of students participate in programs funded by local school parcel taxes? Are there improvements that can be made?

We believe there are shortcomings among some parcel tax-funded programs. This leaves future parcel tax initiatives open to attacks that such funding only benefits students that are already advantaged. The best way to forestall this issue is to make an assessment, identify any problems, and take appropriate measures to address them.

Examples of accessible demographic criteria for review include race/ethnicity, English Language Learner identification, Free/Reduced lunch participant, and Parent Education Level.

The Davis community embraces the value of fair opportunity for all of our children.

We would appreciate discussion of and response to this issue in public board discussion on this agenda item in today's (January 21) meeting.

With hope and respect,

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