



# Morgan Hill Unified School District

## Committed to Excellence in Education

Nestled on the southern end of Silicon Valley, Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD) provides an excellent, well-rounded education, empowering local students to succeed in school and in our diverse, global economy. All of our comprehensive secondary schools have been recognized as Gold Ribbon schools, the highest honor a school can achieve in California.

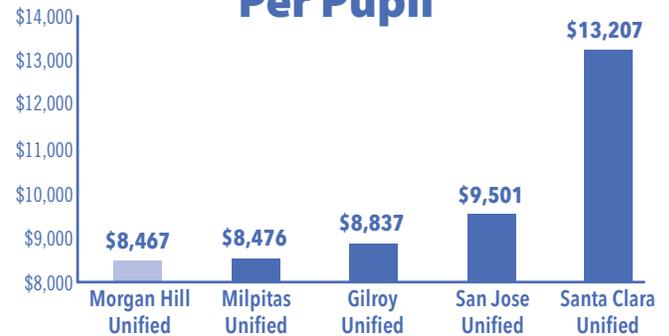
### Maintaining Academic Excellence

Our award-winning elementary, middle and high schools are the cornerstone of our community. Innovative classroom programs, like the Pathways program, prepares high school students for college, well-paying jobs and careers in fields like engineering, computer technology, business, public safety and health sciences.

In addition, we have been successful forming partnerships with major local companies, such as Kaiser Permanente and the Silicon Valley Tech Museum to provide real-world educational and career opportunities for MHUSD students, setting our District apart from the rest.

However, our district faces ongoing funding challenges. Many districts in Santa Clara County receive as much as 56% more per pupil than we do here in Morgan Hill. MHUSD schools need stable, reliable, local revenue that will help preserve the quality education our community expects.

### 2016-2017 State Funding Per Pupil



\*All data from CDE based on 2016-17 P-2 Certification: <http://ias.cde.ca.gov/lcfsnapshot/>

### Local Funding for Morgan Hill Unified School District

To maintain core academic programs and retain quality teachers, a dedicated local source of funding is needed. While no final decisions have been made, the Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Trustees is considering placing a 5-year, \$75-per-parcel annual education parcel tax on a future ballot in 2018. These funds will be used to:

- Maintain core academic programs that focus on skills like science, technology, engineering and math
- Support student learning in computers and technology helping them acquire the 21st-century skills they need to succeed in today's global market
- Maintain career-tech education programs so that high school students are prepared for college and future careers
- Attract and retain quality teachers and staff
- Provide programs to help children with special needs
- Maintain art and music programs

### Commitment to Fiscal Accountability

A potential measure would require fiscal accountability provisions including:

- All funds must stay local to benefit MHUSD schools and cannot be taken by the State
- Senior citizen homeowners would be eligible for an exemption
- The measure would expire in 5 years and could not be renewed without voter approval
- An independent oversight committee would review expenditures to ensure funds are spent as voters intended



### We Welcome Your Feedback and Questions

Community input is valuable as we explore our funding options.

Please feel free to contact [funding@mhUSD.org](mailto:funding@mhUSD.org) with any questions or comments.