

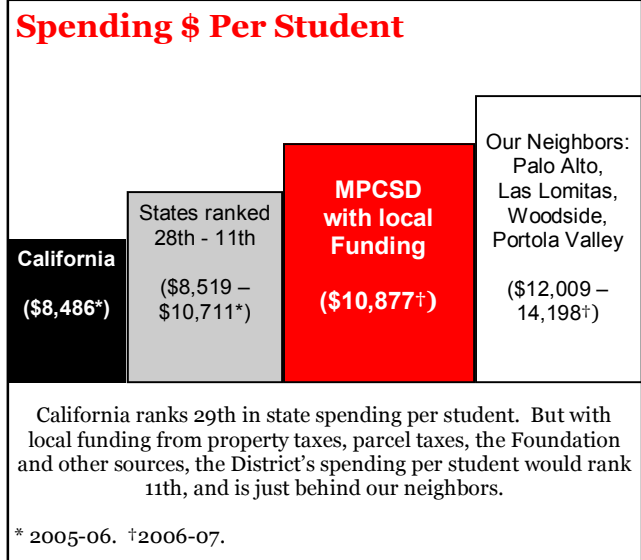
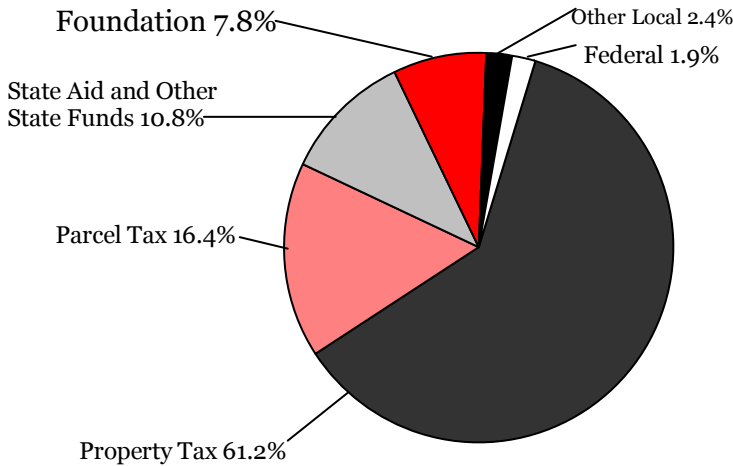


Raising Funds Our Schools Can Count On

The Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation raises money that our schools depend on to bridge the gap between available public funding and what is necessary to provide the quality public education parents expect and our children deserve.

Inadequate state and local funding, along with increasing enrollment in our district, means that there is less money available to educate each child. Our schools rely on the Foundation to make up the difference.

District Funding Sources







The non-profit Foundation supports quality education at the four public schools in the Menlo Park City School District: **Laurel, Encinal, Oak Knoll** and **Hillview**. The Foundation's record **\$2.2 million** grant in June 2008 represents **7.8%** of the District's operating budget. Over the past **26 years**, the Foundation has been the primary fund-raising organization for our schools and has granted over **\$18 million**.

How the District Applies the Foundation Grant:

Highly Qualified and Inspired Educators and Staff	Comprehensive Educational Program	Best Instructional Practices	Enhanced Educational Environment	Long-Term Financial Stability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endowment for Teacher Excellence Recruitment, Retention & Career Development Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands-On Science & Science Aides Libraries & Certified Librarians Math Music Foreign Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st Century Classroom Jeannie Ritchie Innovation Grants Summer School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology Equipment and Software Technology Aides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offsetting State funding cuts Addressing the ongoing growth in enrollment

The Face of the Foundation in Our Schools

The Foundation grant supports teachers with training and development, and funds key positions including **certified librarians** and **science and technology aides**, who teach our children every day.

 Laurel	 Encinal	 Oak Knoll	 Hillview
Gail Bradley Librarian	Denise Healy Librarian	Jane Bennion Librarian	Tracy Piombo Librarian
Remona Murray Computer Lab Aide	Carrie Bildstein Computer Lab Aide	Anthony Hoppe Site Technician	Cheryl Perez Technology Instructor
Leah Strichartz Science Lab Aide	Carrie Bildstein Science Lab Aide	Gwen Solomon Science Lab Aide	Mary Ann Williams Library Clerk
+ Toni Barone , District Instructional Technology Coordinator and Carrie Bildstein , District Science Aide			

Endowment for Excellence in Teaching

In 2008, the Foundation's **Endowment for Excellence in Teaching** reached **\$2 million**, and the Foundation directed the first distribution to the District of **\$100,000** as part of the Foundation's \$2.2 million total grant. The goal of the endowment is to fund targeted programs that will **attract, develop and retain exceptional teachers**. The endowment reflects the recognition of the importance of quality teachers on student performance and overall school success.

“The most important factor in student success is a good teacher, and high quality professional development makes teachers better.”

—Jack O’Connell,
California State
Superintendent of Public
Instruction

The Foundation By the Numbers

The Foundation funds stipends for **77** teachers with Master’s degrees, **1** with a PhD, and **5** teachers who have earned National Board Certification.

The 2008 grant of **\$2.2 million** represents **\$945** per child enrolled in the District.

By the end of the **2008-09** school year, the 21st Century Classroom Project will extend instructional technology to

100% of District classroom teachers, with equipment (including Smart Boards), training and support personnel funded by the Foundation.

\$275,000 of the 2008 grant (including **\$100,000** from the endowment) is allocated to a special fund for the recruitment, retention and career development of certificated teachers.

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