



# Palo Alto Unified School District

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# Potential Parcel Tax Meeting Date Timeline

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# The Need

- The last year of the current parcel tax is 2010-2011.
- The parcel tax provides \$9.3 million of general fund revenue.
- This is 6.1% of PAUSD revenue.
- There is also a structural deficit of \$5.7 million for 2010-11.

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# Potential Election Dates

- Polling Place Election: First Tuesday in March, June, or November.
- Mail-In Election: Almost any Tuesday
- Measure must be placed on the ballot 88 days prior to the election date.

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# A Sample Timeline

- Election target date is March 2, 2010.
- This is probably the earliest conceivable timeline.
- Measure must be placed on the ballot 88 days prior to the election date.
- This is also the date for a polling place election and so avoids making a decision on election type right now,

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# A Sample Timeline

- Election target date is Tuesday, March 2, 2010.
- Counting back 88 days, Board action must take place on or before Friday, December 4.
- Prior to this date, the results of the poll must be discussed.
- Discussions on budget needs must take place.
- There must be discussions on other topics as needed.

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# Remaining 2009 Board Meeting Dates

- October 13, 2009
- October 27, 2009
- November 10, 2009
- November 24, 2009 (may be cancelled)
- December 8, 2009.
- Special Meetings can be scheduled

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# Draft Calendar (page 1)

- Early October, conduct poll
- Mid-Late October, analyze poll
- Board meeting of Oct. 13: Discuss budget path for 2010-2011.
- Board Meeting of October 27: Discuss budget path for 2010-2011.

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## Draft Calendar (page 2)

- Board Meeting of Nov. 10: present and discuss results of poll.
- Special Board Meeting of Nov. 17: present resolution calling for election for Discussion.
- Special Board Meeting of Dec. 1: present resolution calling for election for Action.
- Important Note: This is the earliest conceivable timeline. It is only a model to illustrate the activities.