

## Budget Priorities & Action Plan November 2021

NUSD is committed to providing all students with a quality education within the state funding allocations aligned with our core values of innovation, equity, caring, inclusion, and collaboration.

| District Priorities                    | Action Steps  |
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| Preserve Student Programs              | <ul> <li>Responsibly utilize one-time state funding for academic and other systems of support, and mental health services.</li> <li>Create opportunities for high school students to co-enroll at College of Marin to take advanced classes, etc.</li> <li>Engage community and volunteers wherever possible.</li> </ul>  |
| Eliminate Deficit Spending             | <ul> <li>Work with Novato Unified Budget Advisory Committee to determine most effective cost savings.</li> <li>Align staffing needs with current student enrollment.</li> <li>Adjust student-teacher ratios to Novato Federation of Teachers contract of 24:1, 28:1, and 31:1.</li> <li>Improve student attendance to 97% (currently at 95%).</li> <li>Collaborate with Marin County Office of Education on budget oversight and fiscal sustainability plan.</li> </ul> |
| Protect and Increase<br>Ongoing Budget | <ul> <li>Improve awareness of specialized NUSD programs (Marin School of the Arts, STEM programs, transitional kindergarten, Dual Immersion, NOVA Independent Study etc.) to attract new students and increase enrollment in outstanding neighborhood schools.</li> <li>Increase budget reserves to address ongoing revenue uncertainty and maintain the NUSD Board approved 17% reserve.</li> </ul>  |
| Pursue Parcel Tax Renewal              | <ul> <li>Establish a broad stakeholder group to evaluate potential for parcel tax campaign.</li> <li>Survey community on student program priorities.</li> <li>Assemble community-based parcel tax committee.</li> </ul>   |

## Stats on the NUSD Budget

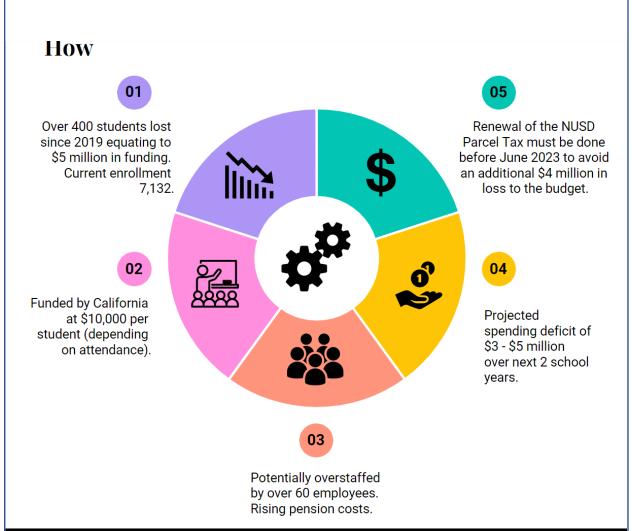


## What

NUSD is facing a challenging budget situation moving forward.

## Why

Decreasing enrollment, expenses that exceed revenue from the State of California, and the upcoming expiration of the parcel tax, all contribute to the budget crisis.





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