

**Subject:** Re: John Muir PTA Campaign Support

**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 at 12:42:13 PM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** Daric Jackson

**To:** Kelly Crosby

Thank you for sharing this information with me. I am totally confused but will store it away for now.

Thank you and have a great day on purpose,

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On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 9:08 PM Kelly Crosby [REDACTED] > wrote:

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Kelly

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Yahoo [REDACTED] >

**Date:** January 14, 2021 at 9:02:15 PM PST

**To:** Kelly Crosby [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fwd: John Muir PTA Campaign Support

Hi Kelly,

Below is the email we got from Dan, CUSD tax campaign lead. I think it's clear school closure is not completely off the table even if parcel tax passes.

Thanks,

Thanks,  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dan Halabe [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 14, 2021 at 7:38:07 PM PST  
**To:** Shasi Pulijala <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Ben Cooper [REDACTED] mingrui bao [REDACTED], Adrienne VanGorden <[vangorden\\_adrienne@cusdk8.org](mailto:vangorden_adrienne@cusdk8.org)>, Tony Cheng [REDACTED]  
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Hi Shasi -

It's my understanding that the impact of small schools on teaching and learning is under consideration by the board and is on their Jan 21 agenda. Passage of the proposed measure will eliminate the need to close schools for financial reasons.

As volunteers for a political campaign, we don't make public school policy, but I think (and certainly hope) that with the funding provided by the measure, the board will be able to develop a policy that's clear, predictable, includes multi-year notice and is educationally healthy for the kids.

Without the revenue from a parcel tax like the one proposed, the experience of every student at every school will be diminished, regardless of the arrangement of sites. I hope you see the logic in supporting adequate funding for all students, including your own.

Best Regards - Dan

On Jan 14, 2021, at 7:23 PM, Shasi Pulijala [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Ben and Team,

I just asked this question in today's meeting with CUSD and they did confirm that School closures will NOT be off the table even if the Parcel tax measure passes. This is very sad news. I do understand that Parcel tax is needed for many other reasons like teacher salaries, reasonable class sizes, furlough days etc but School closures is the main issue we as parents are fighting against and that has been our campaign messaging all along, so as a person/group(PTA) who is campaigning for this measure

how can we even take this forward? How do we ask other parents and community members to pay additional tax every year but tell them we have no idea if your neighborhood school will remain open or not. I am not sure what would be the Muir PTA decision on this but personally, this feels like we are fighting for 'NOTHING'

P.S: I have CC'ed our PTA member and Muir principal.

Regards,  
Shasi

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 6:25 PM Shasi Pulijala [REDACTED]

wrote:

Thanks Ben for the quick response, what's the best way to confirm this? Just email CUSD which is what I was planning to do but is there other means?

Regards,  
Shasi

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 6:14 PM Ben Cooper

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Shari,

I thought that if the Parcel Tax passes, then school closure would be off the table. What you mention is a new twist to me.

-Ben

On Thu, Jan 14, 2021 at 6:06 PM Shasi Pulijala

[REDACTED] > wrote:

Hello Campaign team,

We had a John Muir PTA meeting today and the PTA wants to discontinue their support for the Parcel tax campaign if the board does not confirm that "School Closures" is off the table for ALL reasons and not just financial reasons. What is the board's stand on this? Are they stating that even if the Parcel tax measure passes there is a possibility that school closures could be considered for let's say low enrollment? We do plan to ask the board but wanted to see what you guys think on this?

Regards,  
Shasi

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Best Regards,  
Ben Cooper

(Parcel Tax campaign volunteer/CUSD parent/PTA member)

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