

Talking Points for School Board P&O Committee Comment - November 2

Good Evening Members of the Board, Superintendent, District Staff, and members of the Community,

My name is _____ and I am a member of the Planning and Oversight Committee for the Berkeley Schools Excellence Project, also known as BSEP.

We are separated by just 6 days from a truly momentous general election. While the nation's attention has been drawn to a Presidential election campaign that defies description, we are also voting for Senator, Mayor, city council members, school board directors, as well as 11 city measures, and 17 state propositions...and then...

Buried deep in the ballot is a special tax measure for Berkeley Public Schools, Measure E1, the BSEP measure. Voters need to be aware to look below the top of the ballot for items that will affect the quality of life in our state and city, and be sure to find E1, which affects the quality of public schools right here in Berkeley.

We would like to take one last opportunity to remind everyone of why the School Board passed a resolution to place Measure E1 on the November 8 ballot. The funds raised through BSEP are essential to our schools. It is a grim certainty that our district would look very different

Measure E1 funds will provide support for lower class sizes, which in turn underpins differentiated instruction to help meet the district's equity goals. E1 funds are intended to foster educational excellence and enrich student learning by providing school libraries at every site, as