

Elfrida Elementary School District #12



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Elfrida Elementary School District #12 is requesting a cash deficit levy for the 20/21 school year.

Currently, the District has a tax cap of 4.579. The District has been capped at this rate for several years now. The cap has affected the district in numerous ways, such as when assessed property valuations went down, the District was unable to raise their tax amount to offset the loss of tax revenues. With the addition of people not paying all of their taxes, it has put the district in a position where they are short of cash. If our tax rate is lowered, we will most likely be capped at the lower rate from that point forward, preventing us from levying enough taxes to maintain our school, especially if assessed valuations go down again.

The District feels that this is not the time for the tax levy to be reduced considering our current cash situation. Additionally, with the volatility of the assessed valuations and economy, we feel it will be a deterrent to the District overall. The District already has one of the lowest tax rates for elementary schools in the county. Last year, the District applied to the state for supplemental assistance to help with the shortage of taxes being paid. The District plans on doing this again this year to continue to try to bring up our current cash deficit. However, we also feel that we have to do what we can locally before applying to the state for further assistance in regards to taxing issues.

The District is requesting a cash deficit levy in the amount of \$111,871.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Thank you for continuing to support our local schools.

Sincerely,

Susan Ochoa

Business Consultant