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February 20, 1968

Dear Fellow Residents:

By means of this letter and its attachments your Governing Board would like to:
(1) provide information about the educational tax dollar; (2) encourage your comments and suggestions regarding the school program; and (3) invite you to the next school-community patriotic ceremony.

In the following analyses, illustrated by the attached graphs and charts, we have broken the educational tax dollar for this year into its components:

A. Elementary - 23¢ (21¢ General Purpose, 2¢ Bonds)

These are local school taxes levied by your elementary school board for budgeted operations and for retiring bonds. In recent years the levy for local operating funds has not approached the \$1.89 per \$100.00 tax rate authorized by the electorate, actually declining from \$1.874 in 1962-63 to \$1.291 in 1966-67. Because the district's assessed valuation was increasing considerably in this period, the total amount of dollars collected each year was approximately the same. This year the local tax rate was increased in the amount of \$0.275 because of last year's expenditure for reclamation of the baranca area, and because of an increase in junior high tuition paid to the San Dieguito Union High School District. This tuition now amounts to 6¢ out of the 21¢ of local taxes, which, with the 9.2¢ mandatory levy for bond redemption, is the only portion of your school tax dollar for which the elementary school board has authority and responsibility.

B. Areawide Aid - 21¢ (13¢ to other Districts, 8¢ local)

Our state legislature has adopted the policy of seeking the organization of all school districts in the state on a unified (K-12) basis. In this community and in the entire San Dieguito area, the proposal to unify was overwhelmingly voted down in 1965. It was known at that time that one of the penalties for not unifying would be the levying of a \$0.636 areawide tax with the proceeds to be distributed to all elementary school districts in the area on the basis of pupil attendance. Last year Rancho Santa Fe paid into this fund \$93,923.00 and received in return \$36,351.00. Because of this income from areawide aid a \$0.291 drop in the local general purpose levy was affected. In August, 1967, the legislature increased the areawide aid tax from \$0.636 to \$1.106. Of this tax Ranch residents will lose approximately \$.666 to other districts in the area. As soon as the areawide tax rate increase became law, this board succeeded in having the County Board of Supervisors reduce the local property tax rate by an amount equal to the anticipated increase in local income from areawide aid.

C. High School All Purpose - 47¢

This portion, comprising almost one-half the education tax dollar, is the amount required to make the annual payment on high school district bonds and to meet the operating budget adopted by the Governing Board of the San Dieguito Union High School District. This amount includes a tax override of \$0.571 for the education of pupils in grades 7 and 8 in addition to the tuition paid by the elementary school districts. Adding the \$0.571 levy to the \$0.33 from the local tax levy, a total of 90¢ is being paid this year by Rancho residents for the education of our 7th and 8th graders. Dollarwise this amounts to approximately \$150,000.00 for 70 junior high youngsters; hence, our inquiry into the possibility of Rancho Santa Fe operating its own junior high school. No definite action has been taken nor is any immediately contemplated. We are studying the matter and feel that it is deserving of the attention of all residents.

D. Junior College Tuition - 8¢

A \$0.451 tax rate is levied by the County Board of Supervisors on all areas in the county not in a junior college district to pay the cost of educating their students.

E. County-wide - 1¢

This is a \$0.063 county-wide levy for the education of mentally retarded and institutionalized children.

Two additional items which we should like to bring to your attention:

1. From time to time some parents have requested that we provide bus transportation for our elementary school youngsters. In studying the feasibility of doing this, we have found that approximate cost, expressed various ways, would be:
 - a. \$15,000.00 per year
 - b. \$60.00 per year per youngster
 - c. \$0.30 per child per day
 - d. 7% increase in the local school tax rate
 - e. 1% increase in the total tax rate

We invite your written comments or suggestions regarding bus transportation, the junior high school question, and the school program in general.

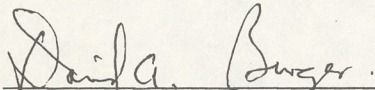
2. At this time, too, we should like to invite you to join with us in a school-community patriotic ceremony to be held on the Village Green in front of The Inn at 1:30 p.m. on February 28, 1968. The program will consist of a Patriotic Flag Pageant and the Band from the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

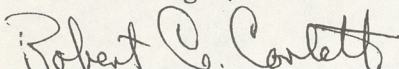
In summary, then, this board has authority and responsibility for 21¢ of the education tax dollar with a significant part of that going as junior high tuition to the high school district.

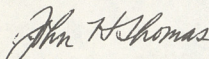
So far as our local K-6 program is concerned, we feel that the education dollar is efficiently managed and expended. The cost of education, like the cost of everything else has gone up. Teachers cost more and they are better prepared, supplies and materials have increased in cost, and the educational program is more extensive than the bare minimum which might have sufficed at an earlier time. We know that nearly all Ranch youngsters will go to college and that they need to, and will, become men and women of the professions so required to benefit themselves and our nation. As Board Members we feel that these children must have a strong academic foundation. We feel it necessary to provide a program which includes small class size; supplementary and advanced programs in reading, spelling, and arithmetic; competent teachers who are keeping abreast of advances in the field of education; and the services of specialists in such areas as reading, foreign language and music. All of this is necessary for, and deserved by, the young people of this community, for we consider the local education dollar an investment as well as an expenditure.

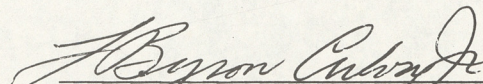
We have made and will continue to make every effort to provide an elementary school program fitted to the needs of the young people for whom the school exists and to do so in as efficient and economical a manner as possible.

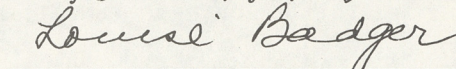
As your representatives and fellow taxpayers we share your concern with the seemingly ever increasing tax burden being imposed upon us and will continue to work for the best interests of all Rancho Santa Fe residents.


David A. Burger, President


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RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

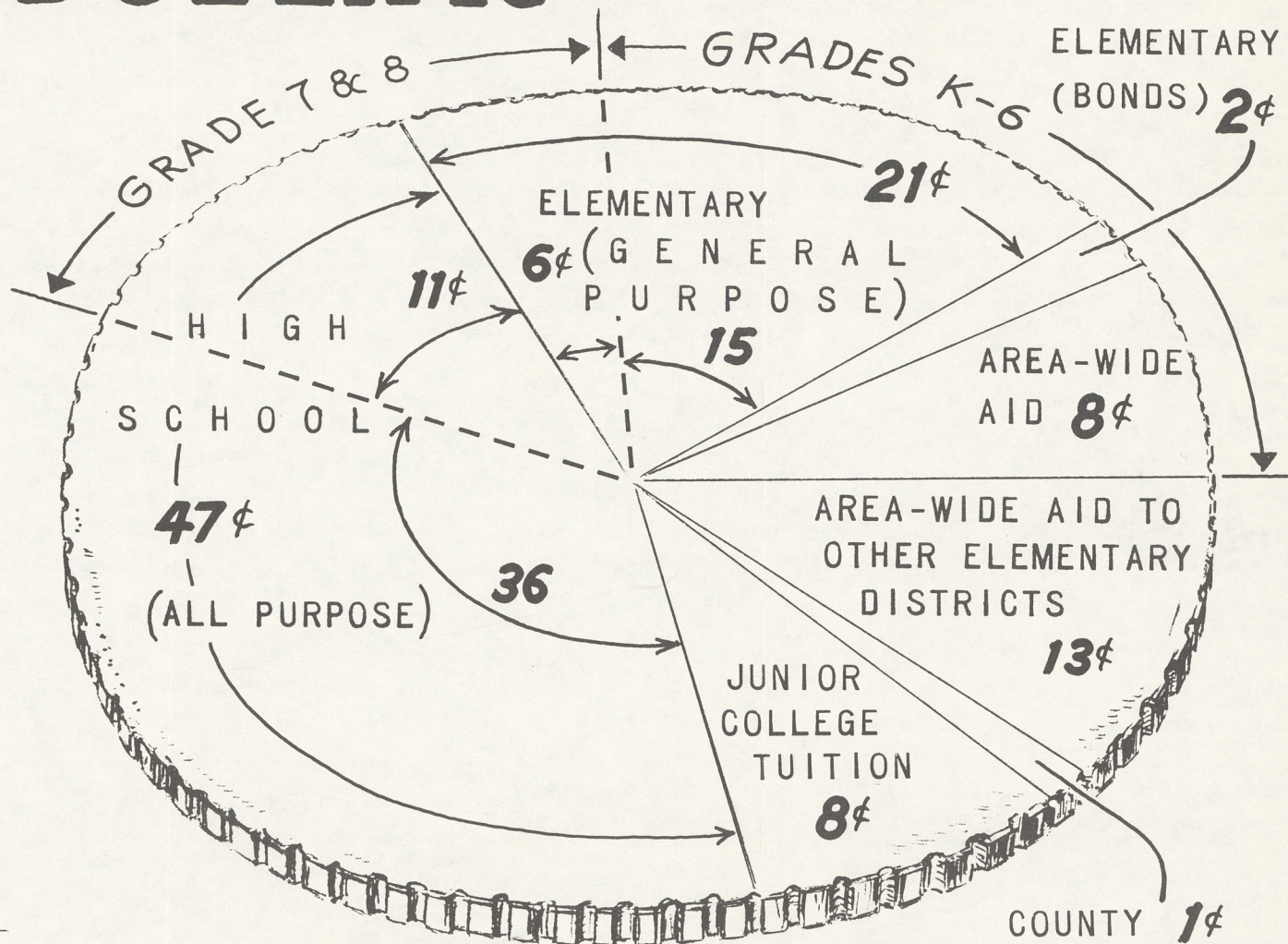
	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
General Purpose	1. 874	1. 805	1.765	1.293	1.002'	1.153
Areawide Aid				From Area- wide Aid	.289	.440
Bonds	.201	.169	.170	.122	.119	.092
Total Elementary (including income from area wide aid)	<u>2.075</u>	<u>1.974</u>	<u>1.935</u>	<u>1.415</u>	<u>1.410</u>	<u>1.685 *</u>
Beginning Balance	89,477	93,418	109,453	86,428	78,770	20,180
Junior High Tuition Paid	28,340	27,939	22,799	44,985	57,558	57,000 estimated

* Increase due to 1966-67 expenditures for reclamation of baranca, expansion of playground, d and increase in junior high tuition.

RANCHO SANTA FE EDUCATION TAX DOLLAR-

TAX RATES

Other	\$.063
Junior College Tuition	.451
High School District	2.552
To Other Districts	1.106
Returned	
Elem. Bonds	.092
Elementary Gen. Purpose	1.153
TOTAL	\$5.417



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