FUND EDUCATION NOW WEEK: FEBRUARY 3-7, 2020

During Monday's OUSD Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution to recognize "Fund Education Now" week from February 3-7, 2020. The goal of this resolution is to raise awareness (in our community and beyond) of the funding challenges for California public schools. California is currently ranked 37 out of 50 states in per-pupil spending, and we face rising costs in housing, special education, and pensions. In addition, OUSD is one of the lowest funded school districts (#998/1000) in the state. Thankfully, we are able to rely on our parent and local communities for a great deal of support, but there is an increasing need to alter the structure of public education funding in our state.

How can we do this? By coming together and advocating for change at the local, state, and national levels. It takes many voices and much effort to influence policy decision-makers; here in Orinda we have so many committed and dedicated activists and volunteers who can help guide the process.

To kick-off "Fund Education Now Week," the Board has organized an advocacy workshop for Monday, 2/3 from 4-6 p.m. at the District Office. The Board is hoping to have a high level of participation from teachers, staff, parents, and community members in order to brainstorm together about what we can do. The Board hopes to have a vibrant and productive session about actions we can take as a community. We hope to see you there!