

FULL & FAIR FUNDING

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The following two resolutions were approved and signed by the SUSD Governing Board on April 16, 2019 in support of increasing the base funding for all California Public Schools:

RESOLUTION 2018-19 # 57

Resolution of the Governing Board of the Saugus Union School District

Calling for Support of AB 39 (Muratsuchi) to Increase Local Control Funding for California's Public Schools

WHEREAS, California is the nation's most populous and wealthiest state and has the fifth largest economy in the world, and the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, California ranks 45th nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in pupil-teacher ratios and 48th in pupil-staff ratios; and

WHEREAS, K-12 school funding has not substantially increased, on an inflation-adjusted basis, for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, the modest revenue increases since the implementation of the LCFF have been eroded by rapidly increasing costs for health care, pensions, special education, transportation and utilities; and

WHEREAS, 58 percent of California's public school students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch — 13 percent above the national average — and 23 percent of California students are English learners, more than twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, California's investment in public schools is out of alignment with its wealth, its ambitions, its demographics and the demands of a 21st-century education; and

WHEREAS, California funds schools at roughly \$1,961 per student less than the national average, which translates to approximately \$3,462 per student when adjusted for California being a high-cost state; and

WHEREAS, California trails the average of the top 10 states by almost \$7,000 in per-pupil funding; and

WHEREAS, in order to prepare our students for participation in a democratic society and an increasingly competitive, technology-driven global economy, California must fund schools at a level sufficient to support student success; and

WHEREAS, the Saugus Union School District is the second lowest funded elementary school district in Los Angeles County

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi has introduced AB 39 (reintroducing AB 2808), which establishes new, higher LCFF base rate targets funded by growth in the Proposition 98 guarantee to address districts' fixed cost needs and to set forth goals for California to attain, at the very least, the national average in per-pupil funding; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Saugus Union School District, SUPPORTS AB 39 (reintroducing AB 2808) and urges the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, this critical legislation that would fund California public schools at a level that is equal to or above the average of the top 10 states.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Saugus Union School District held this 16th day of April, 2019.

RESOLUTION 2018-19 # 58

Resolution of the Governing Board of the Saugus Union School District

Calling for Full and Fair Funding of California's Public Schools

WHEREAS, California has the fifth largest economy in the world, and the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite California's leadership in the global economy, the state falls in the nation's bottom quintile on nearly every measure of public K-12 school funding and school staffing; and

WHEREAS, California ranks 45 nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45 in pupil-teacher ratios and 48 in pupil-staff ratios; and

WHEREAS, K-12 school funding has not substantially increased, adjusting for inflation, for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), state funding for K-12 schools has only this recently returned to levels predating the Great Recession of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the modest revenue increases since the implementation of LCFF have been eroded by rapidly increasing costs for health care, pensions, transportation and utilities; and

WHEREAS, California funds schools at roughly \$1,961 per student less than the national average, which translates to approximately \$3,462 per student when adjusted for California being a high-cost state; and

WHEREAS, California trails the average of the top 10 states by almost \$7,000 in per-pupil funding; and

WHEREAS, to close opportunity and achievement gaps and create a public school system that offers consistently high levels of education, the State must provide appropriate resources to meet student need; and

WHEREAS, the Saugus Union School District is the second lowest funded elementary school district in Los Angeles County

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the Saugus Union School District, urges the State Legislature to fund California public schools at the national average or higher by the year 2020, and at a level that is equal to or above the average of the top 10 states nationally by 2025 and to maintain, at a minimum, this level of funding until otherwise decreed.

Adopted this 16 day of April in 2019.