

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

March 12, 2019

Resolution No. 2018-2019.36

**Resolution 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 with the sixth 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 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, under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), state funding for K-12 schools has only this year recently returned to levels predating the Great Recession of 2007; 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, if California is to close opportunity and achievement gaps and create a public school system that offers consistently high levels of education, the State must provide schools with the resources to meet the needs of their specific populations; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi has introduced AB 39, which would increase LCFF base, supplemental, and concentration grant funding to a level that is based on the national average and makes strides towards funding equal to or above the average of the top 10 states, as called for in the State Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the Alameda Unified School District supports AB 39 and urges the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, this critical legislation that would create a roadmap to significantly increase funding to the LCFF through Proposition 98 growth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 12th day of March, 2019.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Mialisa Bonta, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California