

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

December 13, 2018

Resolution No. 2018-2019.22

Resolution In Support of the East Bay Coalition for Public Education

WHEREAS, K-14 per pupil spending, which relies on state funding, has since 1978 declined from the top ten in the nation to the bottom ten; and

WHEREAS, school funding in California is \$3,400 per pupil less than the national average, while California's cost of living is among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the discrepancies between salary and the cost of living prevent many teachers and staff from living in the communities they serve and prevent school districts from retaining high-quality educators; and

WHEREAS, California faces a teacher shortage that threatens the quality of public education throughout the state due to stagnating salaries' impact on attracting high-caliber candidates to the profession, and retaining highly qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, public schools in California face unique challenges to provide an equitable, quality education for a student population with vast differences in language, income, parental education level, and other social, economic, and educational factors; and

WHEREAS, special education funding has become an increasing burden to local school districts due to the growing number of students receiving special education services, the rising costs associated with those services, and the lack of adequate state (and federal) financial support for those services; and

WHEREAS, research has proven that investments in high-needs students raise achievement levels, reduce poverty, and increase the productivity of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 contains a loophole that for decades has undertaxed commercial property, resulting in the drastic underfunding of public education and social services; and

WHEREAS, The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act (CSLCFA) initiative¹ would close this loophole and provide at least \$4.5 billion annually for K-14 schools and another \$5.5 billion to needed social services; and

WHEREAS, CSLCFA would provide funding to all school districts, over and above Proposition 98 funding, following the local control funding formula to support all students in all districts with unduplicated students; and

WHEREAS, CSLCFA will also provide billions in funding yearly for cities, counties, and special districts in locally controlled revenues for parks, public safety, housing, infrastructure, health and human services, libraries, and the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. That Alameda Unified School District encourages the public to research and learn about The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act (CSLCFA) ballot measure in 2020.

¹ This is an initiative that has qualified for the 2020 ballot, <https://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org>.

2. That Alameda Unified School District affirms that supporting the full funding of public education must be a top priority of the California State Legislature and of the Governor.
3. That Alameda Unified School District urges the Governor and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding, to fully fund California's portion of the special education mandate, and to make meaningful special education reforms.
4. That Alameda Unified School District urges the Governor and Legislature to support wages that address California's high cost of living for all workers serving California students to address this state's teacher and support personnel shortage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 13^h day of December, 2018:

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gray Harris, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

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