San Leandro Unified School District
San Leandro, California

RESOLUTION NO. 13-28

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA

WHEREAS, the California Legislature is considering Governor Jerry Brown's proposed reform of the K-12 school financing system, referred to as the "Local Control Funding Formula;" and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has proposed the new funding formula based on the principles of subsidiarity, equity and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the new system of finance is to modernize and simplify California's overly complex and historically outdated system; and

WHEREAS, California's long-term economic, social, and political health depend on the ability of its K-12 public educational system to meet the needs of all its students; and

WHEREAS, the new funding formula would hold Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) accountable to their local communities for implementing the Common Core State Standards, improving student achievement, making progress in closing achievement gaps, increasing attendance and high school graduation rates, and improving preparation for college and career; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding formula includes a Base Grant amount intended to provide for the basic educational program for all students, exclusive of additional services provided under the Supplemental Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Base Grant level is projected to reach full implementation in seven years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed formula would also include Supplemental Grants and Concentration Grants to provide additional funding to districts to address needs of English learners, students in poverty and students in foster care; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of other issues remaining unaddressed in the proposal including formula adjustments to reflect geographic cost differences, ensuring the provision of quality adult learning opportunities, allowing LEAs to continue to regionalize effective program and service deliveries for career education, transportation services, professional development, among other things; and

WHEREAS, all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in California have undergone severe budget reductions since the 2008-09, including cuts to revenue limits

and categorical programs and are striving to maintain high quality educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed target level of the base grant for the new funding formula does not ensure that all LEAs will receive funding levels restored to their pre-recession levels, which at the time were inadequate, by almost any measure; and

WHEREAS, the currently-proposed new funding system does not establish a target that would bring California per pupil funding to at least the national average; and

WHEREAS, California per pupil funding was identified as 49th in the nation by the 2013 Quality Counts in Education Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District supports the basic premises of the proposed Local Control Funding Formula, including allocating additional funds to districts with high percentages of English learners and students living in poverty as well as its reliance on local decision making and accountability to address the educational needs of all of its students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District urges the Governor and the Legislature to develop the Local Control Formula to provide that all Local Educational Agencies are at a minimum restored to funding levels of 2007-2008 and that the target for the base grant provide funding to California's public schools at least at the national average.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District also calls for continued work on the development of a robust accountability system that will ensure that all students are making gains in academic achievement across a broad spectrum of learning opportunities, including career and technical education, in order to keep California competitive in a global economy.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-28 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Leandro Unified School District on this 7th day of May, 2013.

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