

RESOLUTION
OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 1213-0133

Supporting Adoption of Education Local Control Funding Formula

WHEREAS, the California Legislature is considering Governor Jerry Brown's proposed reform of the K-12 school financing system, the so-called "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the goal of the new system of finance is to modernize and simplify California's overly complex and historically outdated system; and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, 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 would provide a target base grant level 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; 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; therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District Trustees supports the basic premises of the proposed Local Control Funding Formula and its reliance on local decision making and accountability to address the educational needs of all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District Trustees urges the Governor and the Legislature to develop the Local Control Funding Formula to provide that all Local Educational Agencies are at a minimum restored to funding levels of 2007-08 and that the target for the base grant provide funding to California's public schools at least at the national average.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District Trustees 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on April 10, 2013, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

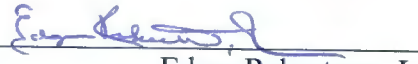
AYE: James Harris, Roseann Torres, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President David Kakishiba

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Gary Yee

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board on the date and by the vote stated.


Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary of the Governing Board