

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 0809-0136

Solving the Budget Crisis Particularly for K-12 Education

WHEREAS, California's more than 6 million students deserve the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor already imposed \$2.8 billion in education cuts in September 2008, resulting in significant reduction of essential programs and services to students that are integral to their success, and

WHEREAS, these cuts have resulted in teacher layoffs and increased class sizes statewide, not to mention a further erosion of the support system for students provided by thousands of classified and paraprofessional staff that have also been laid off; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor propose to cut schools even further in the middle of the current school year, compounded by deep cuts in 2009-10, resulting in districts having \$1,500 less per student than they need to maintain programs and services for students of two years ago; and

WHEREAS, very broad fiscal flexibility is essential for maximum local decision-making and would allow districts to prioritize during the budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget plan also illegally manipulates Proposition 98, the state's minimum school funding law, to permanently cut at least \$7 billion from California's students, in violation of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, further budget reductions to education are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement, at a time when our students are making progress toward meeting rigorous state and federal education standards; and

WHEREAS, the budget problem was not created by our students and fixing it should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District adamantly opposes further cuts to education funding and urges the Legislature and Governor to immediately solve the budget crisis with a balanced approach that includes revenue increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District supports broad local budget flexibility to help school districts prioritize the resources they have to best serve the needs of their students

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Governing of the Oakland Unified School District held February 11, 2009.

Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Governing
Board
Oakland Unified School District

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