



RESOLUTION — FIX THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

WHEREAS, The general intent and spirit of the No Child Left Behind Act is commendable; and

WHEREAS, Holding schools accountable for results is a concept long welcomed by school board members; and

WHEREAS, With the endorsement of school boards, California has already established, implemented and sustained an accountability system that holds students and schools to some of the highest standards in the entire country; and

WHEREAS, To satisfy the existing state system's reasonable, yet rigorous standards and requirements, schools must demonstrate year-to-year growth toward target goals; and

WHEREAS, California schools and students have responded to those high expectations and have consistently shown progress toward those goals; and

WHEREAS, Conversely, many of NCLB's provisions are inflexible and unrealistic, such as requiring 100 percent of students—including English Language Learners and special education students—to be proficient by the year 2014 or risk federal sanctions; and

WHEREAS, There is widespread agreement that there is not sufficient funding to cover the costs associated with implementing NCLB; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate flexibility for schools—particularly in a state as diverse as California—will allow the act to be implemented to best meet the broad needs of the state's students; and

WHEREAS, Representative Don Young (R-AK) has introduced H.R. 648, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007 which is consistent with CSBA's Fix NCLB Campaign and the NSBA draft legislation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the (School District/ County Office of Education) joins the California School Boards Association in urging Congress to review and address the necessary amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act so that schools can successfully implement the act.