

Sample Board Resolution on Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Budget

WHEREAS, despite Governor Schwarzenegger's vow to protect education, his proposed budget manipulates the numbers to reduce education funding by \$900 million in the current year and an additional \$2.4 billion in 2010–11; and

WHEREAS, California's education system plays a vital role in the state's economic future and schools are now in a crisis bigger than any ever seen—one that the governor and legislators must take more seriously; and

WHEREAS, these unprecedented cuts are changing the face of education for an entire generation of school-children; and

WHEREAS, California's educational programs have been cut to the bone, in some cases down to the marrow, and as a result schools have been forced to eliminate summer school, libraries, transportation, athletics, technology, adult education, agriculture, Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) and General Education Development (GED); and

WHEREAS, the educational programs being cut are the very programs that help our students succeed in school and compete in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, administrative costs have taken the biggest hit in most districts and yet the governor's budget proposal recommends that 10 percent be cut from school district and county office of education administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, district administration provides important functions that have a direct impact on what happens in the classroom and currently California's schools rank among the lowest in the nation in the number of district administrators per student; and

WHEREAS, schools simply can't continue to absorb these cuts on top of the \$17 billion in reductions they've endured over the past two years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ school district/county office of education opposes further cuts to education funding and urges the legislature to take responsibility for California's future by making education a priority.