**WHEREAS**, in order to prepare our students for participation in a democratic society and an increasingly competitive, technology-driven global economy, California must fund schools at a level sufficient to support student success; and

**WHEREAS**, despite California’s leadership in the global economy, the state falls in the nation’s bottom quintile on nearly every measure of public K-12 school funding and school staffing; and

**WHEREAS**, California ranks 45th nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in pupil–teacher ratios and 48th in pupil–staff ratios; and

**WHEREAS**, K-12 school funding has not substantially increased, on an inflation-adjusted basis, for more than a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 5, appearing on the November 2018 ballot, represents a threat to the level of funding that California’s public schools currently receive; and

**WHEREAS**, current law allows homeowners 55 years of age or older or severely disabled homeowners to transfer their property tax assessment to a new home of equal or lesser value **once in their lifetime**; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 5 would amend the current law to allow homeowners 55 years of age or older or severely disabled homeowners to exercise this provision **as many times as the homeowner moves without any increases in their property taxes**, and without regard to the size of the new home being purchased, the new home’s actual current value or its location in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, California’s nonpartisan Legislative Analyst has estimated that the measure could reduce local funding for schools by up to $1 billion dollars annually, requiring additional state funds to offset these losses; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 5 could lead to reductions in the funding available for California’s classrooms at a time when the state needs to be investing more, not less, to prepare all students for college, career and civic life; and

**WHEREAS**, if California is to close opportunity and achievement gaps and create a public school system that offers consistently high levels of education for all students, California must provide schools with the resources to meet the needs of their specific populations; and

**WHEREAS**, while students need to be healthy and safe in order to succeed in their academics, Proposition 5 will reduce the resources available for public safety, health care and other local services that support student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, California’s students deserve better;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing board of the NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR ORGANIZATION opposes Proposition 5 on the November 2018 ballot.

Adopted this      day of the month of                               in 2018.