

Berkeley Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Resolution to Support
Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act (Proposition 30) and Our Children Our
Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act (Proposition 38)
Resolution No. 12-81

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education is committed to making policy and financial decisions that enable the school district to provide quality educational programs and services to the school-age children of our community; and

WHEREAS, since the onset of the state's fiscal crisis in 2008, public schools statewide have experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals totaling more than \$20 billion; and

WHEREAS, California public schools now rank 47th out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending. Moreover, more than 40,000 educators have been laid off from California public schools since 2008, impacting the quality of the educational programs delivered to students; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District has implemented \$12 million in budget cuts and adjustments since 2008-09 in order to stay fiscally solvent; and;

WHEREAS, the school funding crisis is at historic proportions with 188 school districts certifying possible difficulty in meeting their financial obligations over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 state budget is predicated on voter approval in November 2012 of the Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act (Prop 30), without which schools will receive additional mid-year funding reductions that will result in additional cuts in services and programs to students; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 and Proposition 38 will direct billions of dollars to public schools, providing an important short-term funding solution that may allow for the restoration of some student programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association, representing nearly 1,000 school district governing boards and regional educational agencies, supports the passage of both Proposition 30 (Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act) and Proposition 38 (Our Children Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education joins CSBA and school districts around the state in supporting both funding measures and proudly joins the **Stand Up For Education** campaign to urge the Legislature to work with CSBA and other education leaders to identify long-term adequate funding solutions for public schools; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body, the Berkeley Unified School District supports the passage of both Proposition 30 and Proposition 38 because each provides needed revenue to public schools.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Berkeley Unified School District on August 22, 2012.

John T. Selawsky, President

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler, Clerk