

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Resolution No. 11-34**

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solving the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, state and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the state has cut over \$8,000,000 from the Berkeley Unified School District over the past three years as a result of ongoing statewide cuts to education funding; and

WHEREAS, the loss of \$7 billion in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets; and

WHEREAS, to begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure to extend temporary revenues will help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified school district opposes a cuts-only budget and supports a budget that is balanced with a combination of cuts and revenue extensions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our state.

Please fax adopted resolutions to CSBA at (916) 372-3369

APPROVED by the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education on February 23, 2011.

AYES Directors Leyva-Cutler, Selawsky, Hemphill, Daniels and Wilson

ABSTAIN none

ABSENT none

NO none

John T. Selawsky, Clerk