

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 15-066 In Support of Senate Bill 277

Whereas, Measles is a highly contagious disease that can result in complications including pneumonia, blindness, encephalitis and death;

Whereas, Measles can be prevented with the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine;

Whereas, a measles outbreak that started in Orange County in December has since sickened dozens of people throughout California and other states;

Whereas, Pertussis, which is also preventable through vaccine, is at outbreak levels in California and has already killed one infant this year;

Whereas, California Health & Safety Code 120325 requires children to be immunized against measles and 10 other diseases prior to being admitted to public school;

Whereas, the science is clear that the MMR vaccine is safe and effective;

Whereas, California currently grants an exemption to this requirement for medical reasons of if the vaccination is contrary to the “personal beliefs” of the parent or guardian;

Whereas, the high percentage of children who are unvaccinated due to a personal belief exemption threatened the risk of other children;

Whereas, Senate Bill 277 would repeal the personal belief exemption, but retain the exemption for medical reasons; and

Whereas, SB 277 would also require school districts to notify parents and guardians of the immunization rate at their child’s campus for each required vaccination at the start of every academic year, and for the state to reimburse districts for any related costs.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the Berkeley Unified School District urges the California Legislature and the Governor to approve SB 277 as a way to protect all students from serious yet preventable diseases.

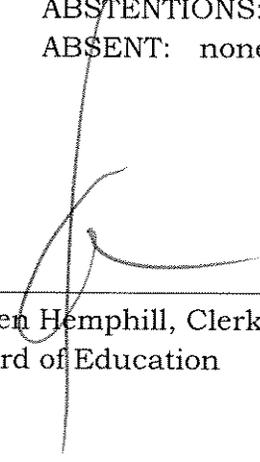
APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 6th day of May, 2015.

AYES: Directors Appel, Leyva-Cutler, Hemphill, Daniels and Alper

NOES: none

ABSTENTIONS: none

ABSENT: none



Karen Hemphill, Clerk
Board of Education