

(Name of school district/COE)

Resolution to Support

Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act

Resolution No: (insert)

WHEREAS, the (insert name of district/COE) 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, during the recent recession, the state cut more than \$56 billion from education, healthcare and other critical services; and public schools statewide experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals; and

WHEREAS, California public schools rank 42nd out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending; California public schools are the most crowded in the nation; and California provides fewer guidance counselors and librarians per student than any other state in the nation;¹ and

WHEREAS, many of California's schoolchildren come from low-income families that lack access to the health care services needed to keep those children in school and learning; and

WHEREAS, passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 helped increase state revenues, providing a significant boost to California's K-12 school spending and sending funds directly to school districts through the Education Protection Account;

WHEREAS, the revenues from Proposition 30 will decline after 2016 and will disappear completely after 2018, the last year its provisions will be in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act would extend Proposition 30's temporary income tax rates for an additional 12 years, to continue funding the Education Protection Account and boost spending on health care for low income families; and

WHEREAS, unless Californians extend Proposition 30's temporary tax increases, the state's schools most likely will receive relatively fewer dollars in the years ahead, raising the prospect that California's school spending will fall even further behind the nation; and

WHEREAS, (insert language that demonstrates how the loss of Education Protection Account funds will negatively impact the district); and

BE IT RESOLVED that the (insert name of district/COE) Board of Education joins school districts around the state in supporting the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act and in urging the Legislature to work with the public education community to identify stable, long-term, adequate funding solutions for public schools; and

¹ http://calbudgetcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/Californias-Support-for-K12-Education-Ranks-Low-by-Almost-Any-Measure_FactSheet_11.17.2015.pdf

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body, the (insert name of district/COE), supports the passage of the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act because it provides needed revenue to public schools and will specifically benefit this district for the reasons described herein.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the (insert name of school district/COE) on (insert month), (date), 2016, by the following vote of the Board: