

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 1,833

SUPPORT FOR EQUALIZATION FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Unified School District believes all students in California deserve equal access to a quality education; and

WHEREAS, on a dollar per student basis, there is great disparity in funding among California's public school districts, a disparity that has cost local districts millions of dollars per year for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles County alone, the highest funded district receives more than \$790 per student more than the lowest funded district, a difference of almost \$24,000 per classroom; and

WHEREAS, the lack of equitable state funding means that students in lower funded districts have significantly less access to classes, full-time instructors, basic skills and enrichment programs, adequately maintained facilities, instructional materials, current technology, technical programs, counselors and other support staff for an increasingly diverse student population; and

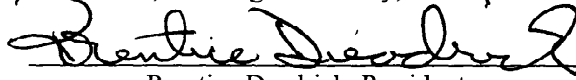
WHEREAS, all of California's school districts are required to comply with the same state and federal mandates, but the resources to comply with these and other state requirements vary widely district by district; and

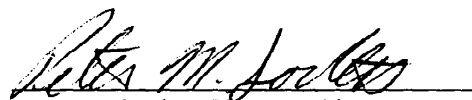
WHEREAS, funding all school district programs and services on an equal per student basis would reduce the disparity in funding, increase equal access to education and boost the potential for student success throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 2006-2007 budget proposal would fund equalization at the level of \$300,000,000, reducing a significant portion of the disparity among school districts;

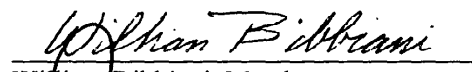
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Pasadena Unified School District support the Governor's budget proposal to fund equalization, urges the governor and the legislature to include at least \$300,000,000 in the upcoming state education budget to help eliminate the disparity in public school base revenue, and commits to actively advocate on behalf of comparable and equitable funding for all of the state's public school districts.

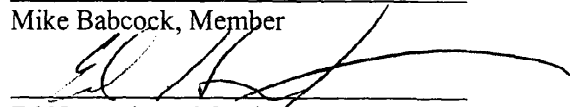
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2006, at the regular meeting of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.

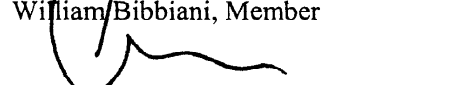

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