



# CAMPBELL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 2007-08-19 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING PROPOSITION 98

WHEREAS, the state budget proposed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is a step backward for our students that would create more difficulty in our public schools with cuts that would derail our progress and affect the education of millions of California students; and

WHEREAS, California's educators have witnessed how our students and schools, despite being constantly asked to do more with less, have been making progress, with California's overall reading scores up 25 percent and math scores increasing 17 percent in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, *Education Week* now ranks California 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per-pupil spending, at nearly \$1,900 below the national per-student average, while the state also has some of the largest class sizes in the country and ranks last in the number of counselors, school nurses and librarians per student; and

WHEREAS, California's educators, school board members, administrators, superintendents, school employees and others are disappointed that in the self-proclaimed "year of education," the Governor's proposed budget would remove \$4.8 billion from our public schools over the next 18 months – including midyear cuts of \$400 million – and would violate the state's minimum school funding law, Proposition 98, which voters approved in 1988 and reaffirmed their support for in 2005; and

WHEREAS, our public education students did not create this budget crisis; their education should not be shortchanged to solve it; and

WHEREAS, we believe that more careful management of state programs, a frank assessment of the need for new and existing spending initiatives, slowing the growth of entitlements and bureaucracy; and implementation of the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Government Reform are likely to produce a similar or larger amount of savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Campbell Union School District Governing Board calls on the Governor and the Legislature to put our students first, reject across-the-board cuts that would damage our public schools, and protect the voter-approved, minimum school funding law, Proposition 98.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Campbell Union School District this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Cohen, Johnson, Kleinberg, Read

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Moe

  
Scott Kleinberg, President