



San Marino Unified School District

"Delivering a world-class education with recognized excellence in academics, arts, and athletics!"

Resolution # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

The San Marino Unified School District Board of Education hereby adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the State Budget Act of 2008-2009 began a regressive position for K-12 education, further cuts to education funding would create a monumental fiscal crisis in our public schools that would derail the steady progress of millions of California students; and

WHEREAS, San Marino Unified School District (SMUSD) has already been forced to address a 2008-2009 budget-shortfall equal to 9% of its operating budget, and despite these cuts, SMUSD has been able to successfully maintain academic leadership and sustain its co-curricular focus in athletics and the arts.

WHEREAS, *the National Center on Education Statistics* ranks San Marino Unified School District near the bottom 5% in the nation in per-pupil state revenue limit funding (with SMUSD receiving 16% less than the *state* average and 25% less than the *national* average); and

WHEREAS, California schools have been repeatedly asked to create and adopt budgets prior to the completion of the state budget adoption process only to discover that the state adopted budgets do not support the fiscal expectations planned for and contractually agreed to with our union and non-union employees; and

Whereas, it is fiscally irresponsible for school districts to function without a guaranteed revenue stream year to year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Marino Unified School District Board of Education calls on the Governor and the Legislature to put our students first, PROTECT current education funding levels, PRESERVE our public schools, and to develop a plan which would ensure a dependable revenue stream for public education institutions so they can develop long-term plans for sustained student success.

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