

San Bruno Park School District
Resolution 08-01-02
Resolution on Governor's Proposed 2008-09 Budget

Whereas, San Bruno Park School District's 2600 students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth Grades deserve high-quality schools with well-trained educators, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, up-to-date textbooks and supportive parent involvement; and

Whereas, Governor Schwarzenegger's 2008-09 budget proposal and the Legislative Analyst Office's review calls for massive and devastating cuts to these same 2600 students and their schools by reducing Proposition 98 in the current year and for 2008-09; and

Whereas, a 4.4 billion cut to Proposition 98 funding would mean laying off valued staff and would also result in significant reduction of material support, not to mention a further erosion of the support system for students provided by San Bruno Park Schools; and

Whereas, the San Bruno Park School District, having diligently implemented budget cuts in successive years due to declining enrollment and other factors under State authority that already places the District over 11% lower than the state average expenditure of \$7,349 per student in elementary districts, finds that the level of cuts proposed would cause lasting harm to the San Bruno educational enterprise; and {Source: Ed-Source}

Whereas, under the governor's proposed budget, San Bruno Park School District would lose \$37.00 per student in the current fiscal year due to mid-year cuts and up to \$800.00 per student in 2008-09 due to the suspension of Proposition 98; and

Whereas, San Bruno Park School District has suffered more than 3.2 million in cuts over the last several years, diminishing local efforts to ensure that up-to-date textbook materials and systematic teacher professional development, and modicum levels of student support services being available; and

Whereas, according to recently released reports and studies, California spends \$1,900 less per student than the national average – seriously underfunding its public schools; and

Whereas, the governor's proposed budget reductions are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement, at a time when our students are making progress towards meeting rigorous state and federal educational standards; and

Whereas, the "Getting Down to Facts" studies show that billions more are needed to be invested in education in California to ensure the opportunity for all students to succeed now and in the future; and

Whereas, the \$14 billion budget problem was not created by our students and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and future; and

Whereas, California voters approved – and continue to strongly support – Proposition 98 to protect schools and students from harmful budget cuts and to establish a minimum level of education funding; and

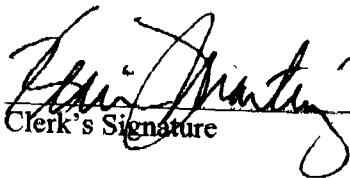
Whereas, the District has been participating in good faith bargaining with our employee association groups and is not willing to engage in regressive bargaining because of a problem created at the State level; and

Whereas, the governor's budget proposal goes against the will of California voters; now therefore,

Be it resolved that the San Bruno Park School District strongly opposes the governor's 2008-09 budget proposal, calls upon the governor and the Legislature to put our students first, reject across-the-board cuts that would damage our public schools, protect the voter-approved minimum school funding guarantee, and urges the governor and legislature to identify and use other possibilities to solve the budget crisis including new revenue sources.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of February, 2008, by the Governing Board of the San Bruno Park School District of San Mateo County, California.

I, Kevin J. Martinez, Clerk of the Governing Board of the San Bruno Park School District, of San Mateo County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the said Board a regular meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and that the resolution is on file in the office of said Board.


Clerk's Signature

02/14/08
Date