



# **Santa Barbara Unified School District**

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## **Resolution to Support Proposition 38**

### **Our Children Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act**

#### **Resolution No: 2012/2013-15**

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Unified School District's 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, since the onset of the state's fiscal crisis in 2008, public schools statewide have experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals totaling more than \$20 billion; and

WHEREAS, California public schools now rank 47<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending. Moreover, more than 40,000 educators have been laid off from California public schools since 2008, impacting the quality of the educational programs delivered to students; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Unified School District has implemented staff layoffs and increased class sizes in order to stay fiscally solvent; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 state budget is predicated on voter approval in November 2012 of the Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act (Proposition 30), without which schools will not receive additional revenue but will receive mid-year funding reductions that will result in additional cuts in services and programs to students; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association (CSBA), representing nearly 1,000 school district governing boards and regional educational agencies, supports the passage of Proposition 38 (Our Children Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act); and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara Unified School District's Board of Education joins CSBA and school districts around the state in supporting both funding measures, and proudly supports CSBA in urging the Legislature to work with CSBA and other education leaders to identify long-term adequate funding solutions for public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body, the Santa Barbara Unified School District, supports the passage of Proposition 38 because each provides needed revenue to public schools.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara Unified School District on September 11, 2012.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Susan C. Deacon, President

Attest:

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David E. Cash, Ed.D., Superintendent