

San Marino Unified School District

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Whereas, because of the State of California's current budget process, the San Marino Unified School District (the District) will not be informed of the exact amount of additional state funding cuts to the District until July 2010 or later; and

Whereas, the District's current projection is that the additional State funding cuts will result in a budget shortfall of approximately \$5 million for the 2010-11 fiscal year; and

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the Board of Education to do everything possible within the requirements of the law to protect and preserve the extraordinary excellence we have built over the years and to avoid seriously jeopardizing our ability to continue to deliver that excellence; and

Whereas, we can not allow rapidly changing State funding formulas to define the acceptable threshold of excellence or endanger our students' ultimate success; and

Whereas, our community has repeatedly filled the gaps to fund our schools, including through the San Marino Schools Foundation's Save Our Schools Campaigns, multiple Parcel Tax measures over the years including the recent Measure E, coupled with the efforts of the Board's appointed Financial Advisory Task Force in line with the Board's expressly stated goal in the adopted Strategic Plan Summary for Financial Stability, only to have the State keep "moving the goalposts;" and

Whereas, due to the significant reduction in State funding over the last three years, the District has already made over \$2.6 million in net budget reductions since 2008; and

Whereas, if we wait to take action until the State provides the precise dollar amount of additional reductions in education funding, it will be too late, and we will be forced by law to implement massive cuts in academic and co-curricular programs (including layoffs of a substantial percentage of our teachers) that will threaten the very nature of our schools, and the excellence and values that our community has worked for decades to establish; and

Whereas, property values that our community has worked for decades to build and maintain depend directly on the excellence and success of the San Marino Unified School District,

Now, therefore, the Governing Board (Board of Education) of the San Marino Unified School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. As a Board of Education and as parents, citizens and San Marino property owners, we cannot allow the projected \$5 million in additional State funding cuts to lead to the dissolution of our schools, and
2. We will therefore request and need assistance and contributions from all parts of our schools community and our greater San Marino community to make sure that we provide the necessary \$5 million to preserve our schools and our property values.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board President

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Gary W. Woods
Secretary of the Board of Education