

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 34
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 729 (Portantino)
ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA

WHEREAS, California ranks 45th nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in pupil-teacher ratios and 48th in pupil-staff ratios; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Local Control Funding Formula (“LCFF”) was enacted to establish per-pupil funding targets, with adjustments for different student grade levels, and includes supplemental funding for local educational agencies (“LEAs”) serving students who are low-performing, socioeconomically disadvantaged, English learners, or foster youth, replacing almost all sources of state funding for LEAs, including most categorical programs, with general purpose funding including few spending restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the largest component of the LCFF is a base grant generated by each student; current law establishes base grant target amounts for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which are increased each year by the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States; and

WHEREAS, because supplemental and concentration grant funding is calculated from the base grants, cost-of-living adjustments generate additional base, supplemental, and concentration grant funding for LEAs; and

WHEREAS, under the LCFF, state funding for K-12 schools has only this year recently returned to levels predating the Great Recession of 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order to prepare our students for participation in a democratic society and an increasingly competitive, technology-driven global economy, California must fund schools at a level sufficient to support student success; and

WHEREAS, the cost-of-living adjustments due to the LCFF in 2019-20, per the Governor’s proposed budget, is 3.46%; SB 729 would increase the LCFF base grant amounts by 5.16% which would generate approximately \$1 billion in additional funding for local educational agencies relative to the Governor’s Budget; and

WHEREAS, SB 729 is supported by the California School Boards Association, the California Teachers Association, and the California State PTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Glendale Unified School District supports passage and approval of Senate Bill 729 and urges the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, this critical legislation that would provide necessary funding for California public schools.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2019, at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.

Jennifer Freemon, President

Dr. Armina Gharpetian, Vice President

Shant Sahakian, Clerk

Nayiri Nahabedian, Member

Gregory S. Krikorian, Member