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SUBJECT: Resolution No. 1280-03/18 Calling For Full and Fair Funding

Assembly member Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) re-introduced his bill to bring California to the top ten in the nation in per pupil spending. This bill proposes a funding target under California's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which would increase the state's K-12 funding by \$35 billion over an unspecified number of years. This increase would ensure that all school districts have full and fair funding to cover increasing fixed costs and improve education for all California public school students.

As part of our ongoing work to ensure all students benefit from the resources needed for a high-quality education, Oak Grove School District adopted Resolution No. 1280-03/18 *Calling For Full and Fair Funding* of California's Public Schools on April 11, 2019 in support of the bill. Five hundred and twenty-eight school districts across California have signed that same resolution urging Legislature to raise school funding to the national average by 2020 and to the average of the top 10 states by 2025.

"California needs to renew our commitment to make K-12 education funding the highest priority in the state budget," declared Assembly member Muratsuchi. "For too long, California has been below the national average in per pupil K-12 funding. This bill will establish strong school funding targets to provide full and fair funding for all California children, regardless of where you live. Full and fair funding is necessary to provide good public schools, hire good teachers, reduce class sizes and provide the necessary resources so that all children can succeed."

This bill uses the existing Local Control Funding Formula and proposes a 60 percent increase to the 2018-19 cost of LCFF, which is equal to approximately \$35 billion above the current funding level. The funding increase is designed to ensure that districts are able to cover increased fixed costs by dedicating 84 percent of the funds, equal to nearly \$30 billion, to the Base Grant portion of the LCFF, which provides the greatest spending flexibility for districts.

In the 1970s, California ranked in the top five nationally in school funding. Today, California is ranked 41st in school funding and trails the average of the top 10 states by almost \$7,000 in per-pupil funding, depriving students of critical opportunities for academic, social and emotional development and essential preparation for a rapidly changing economy.

This resolution calls upon our legislators and the Members of the California Assembly and Senate to support Assembly Bill 39 which would increase the Local Control Funding Formula Block Grant to bring the very real and dismal threat that years of underinvestment in schools poses to our community and children. California has an obligation to meet its responsibilities. This cannot wait another day, our public schools and California's children desperately deserve to become a higher priority.