

SAN MATEO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

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Resolution in Support of Full Funding of IDEA for the Success of Students with Disabilities

Whereas, Public Law 94-142, known today as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed into law to guarantee that all students with disabilities have access to a free and appropriate public education, enabling them to reach their full potential;

Whereas, IDEA ensures that students with disabilities receive special education services that meet their unique needs, helping them succeed academically and preparing them for life after school, including further education, employment, and independence;

Whereas, in 1975, Congress committed to funding 40% of the average per-pupil costs for providing special education and related services under the IDEA and 50 years later only fund less than 10% of the average per-pupil costs;

Whereas, special educators are critical in making IDEA a reality by offering personalized instruction, accommodations, and support services that help students with disabilities succeed in the classroom and beyond;

Whereas, despite the importance of these services, IDEA has been consistently underfunded, resulting in a lack of necessary resources needed to comprehensively support students with disabilities and their non-disabled peers without impacting general funds and outcomes for all students,

Whereas, insufficient funding for IDEA puts unnecessary strain on students with disabilities, their families, teachers, related service providers, and San Mateo County SELPA, making it harder for these students to succeed and fully participate in school activities;

Whereas, the number of students with disabilities and in particular the number of students with significant disabilities under IDEA are both on the rise and outpacing total enrollment trends across the country and in California;

Whereas, providing full and equitable funding for IDEA is essential for ensuring that students with disabilities have the resources, support, and opportunities they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in school;

Whereas H.R. 2598 (IDEA Full Funding Act, Huffman, Van Hollen) creates a path to the full 40% IDEA funding level over the next ten years, and is currently before Congress having received considerable bipartisan support.

Be it resolved that:

The **San Mateo County SELPA** recognizes that full funding of IDEA is essential to creating equal opportunities for students with disabilities, allowing them to fully engage in their education and excel alongside their peers.

The **San Mateo County SELPA** calls upon local, state, and federal representatives to urge Congress to provide the necessary resources to fully fund IDEA, ensuring that special education programs, personnel, training, and support services are well-equipped to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

The **San Mateo County SELPA** urges policymakers, educators, families, and students to work together to create and implement solutions that guarantee all students with disabilities have access to high-quality special education services that help them succeed in school and life.

The **San Mateo County SELPA** commits to advocating for policies and practices that promote the inclusion and success of students with disabilities, in line with the goals of IDEA, and ensuring that all students have equal opportunities to succeed.

The **San Mateo County SELPA** affirms its dedication to protecting the rights of students with disabilities, ensuring they have the support they need to thrive in school and beyond, and working toward a future where all students are fully included and supported.


The **San Mateo County SELPA** pledges to track and evaluate progress in fully funding IDEA, holding policymakers accountable for fulfilling their commitments to meet the needs of students with disabilities and providing the resources necessary to do so.

The **San Mateo County SELPA** calls on schools, communities, and organizations to join in this effort, advocating for IDEA funding and providing the support that students with disabilities deserve.

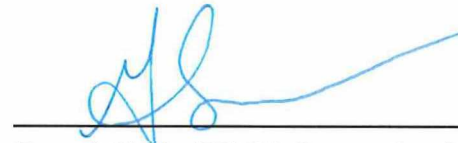
The **San Mateo County SELPA** will actively raise awareness about the need for full IDEA funding, communicating with students, parents, and policymakers to ensure that the voices of students with disabilities are heard and their needs are met.

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2025, by the San Mateo County SELPA.

SIGNED:



Associate Superintendent, SELPA



Board Chair, SELPA Governing Board