

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 09/10-51

**IN SUPPORT OF THE
LOCAL CONTROL OF LOCAL CLASSROOMS FUNDING ACT**

WHEREAS, Californians for Improved School Funding, an organization of concerned educators and citizens, is seeking signatures to qualify a statewide initiative, the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act (the "Act"), for the November, 2010 ballot; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would amend the California Constitution so that parcel tax measures for local school districts can be approved by 55 percent of the qualified electors; and,

WHEREAS, such measures currently require a two-thirds supermajority margin for approval; and,

WHEREAS, previous attempts to lower the threshold for voter approval via legislative means have not proven successful; and,

WHEREAS, reductions in the state General Fund revenue have led to significantly reduced school funding; and,

WHEREAS, state General Fund revenue is unstable and erratic, which results in unpredictable funding levels for school districts and county offices of education; and

WHEREAS, local parcel tax revenue can provide a stable, predictable source of school revenue; and,

WHEREAS, approval of the Act will empower local voters to invest in their schools based on the needs of their communities by requiring a tough, but fair, 55 percent vote to pass local parcel taxes, while protecting taxpayers and homeowners with accountability provisions that will ensure that funds generated from parcel taxes are not wasted or mismanaged; and,

WHEREAS, by allowing communities to directly support their schools with local resources, this proposal enables those communities to fund important educational programs and initiatives, including:

- Attracting and retaining qualified teachers;
- Retaining smaller class sizes;
- Supporting strong core academic programs; and,
- Maintaining art, music, physical education, athletics, and student support programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District fully endorses the Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board directs staff to publicize this resolution and endorsement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board urges all registered voters in the community to sign the initiative petition for the Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board urges all community members to support Californians for Improved School Funding in their effort to qualify the Act for the ballot through donations of time, effort and money.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District on March 23, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Paul P. Strange, President

Gary L. Eberhart, Vice President

Richard W. Allen

Linda K. Mayo

Sherry Whitmarsh

Date