

**Resolution to Support PROPOSITION 38 – Our Children, Our Future:
Local Schools and Early Education Investment and Bond Debt Reduction Act**

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District has sustained several years of drastic budget cuts and disinvestment in schools exceeding \$92.2M cumulatively over the past four years to such an extent that the mission of the school district is in peril; and

WHEREAS, California ranks 47th out of 50 states in per-pupil education spending; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years public school budgets have been cut by more than \$20 billion statewide; and

WHEREAS, California has laid off over 40,000 educators; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would provide an average of over \$10 billion a year directly to California public schools and early childhood education programs for the next twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District schools and students would receive \$31.3 million in 2013-14, \$54.5 million in 2017-18 and \$73.8 million in 2023-24; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 K-12 funds will come to all school districts, earmarked for each of the district's schools, according to an enforceable and transparent per pupil formula that ensures every child at every school will benefit; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 provides the use of K-12 funds will be determined not by Sacramento, but solely by the school district and individual school communities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would enable schools to reduce class sizes and restore programs in art, music, PE, science, technology, engineering, math, career and technical education, and college preparation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would involve parents, educators, and community members at each school site in decisions about how to spend the new funds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would require school site budgets that publicly explain how funds are spend and whether students outcomes are improved for each school; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would set aside critical funding and raise standards for early childhood development and education programs to prepare kids for school and life; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would, during its first four years of operation reimburse the state's general fund for school bond debt by \$3 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 38 would reduce the state's education debt to help close the state's deficit and protect our school from further state budget cuts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District supports **Proposition 38** to protect California's future and the future of students and working families across the state.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012 at the regular meeting of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education in Contra Costa County, California.