

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Resolution 10/11-41

In Support of Placing a Revenue Extension Measure on the Ballot

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solving the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, state and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District has cut \$49.6 million from its budget over the past three years as a result of ongoing statewide cuts to education funding; and

WHEREAS, the loss of \$7 billion in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets; and

WHEREAS, to begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure to extend temporary revenues will help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District opposes a cuts-only budget and supports a budget that is balanced with a combination of cuts and revenue extensions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our state.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District at the regular meeting of February 8, 2011.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Steven Lawrence, Secretary