MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION ON UTILIZING FLEXIBILITY AUTHORIZED BY SBX3 4 AND SB70

Resolution #13/14-42

WHEREAS, the students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District deserve the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and governor have imposed billions of dollars in education cuts since September 2008, resulting in significant reduction of essential programs and services to students that are integral to their success, and

WHEREAS, these statewide budget reductions have resulted in serious cuts in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District including hundreds of certificated and classified layoffs and millions of dollars worth of reductions of key programs; and

WHEREAS, SBX3 4 provided limited fiscal flexibility for fiscal flexibility for the fiscal years 2008/09 through 2012/13 to allow school districts to utilize funding received from the state budget act for "Tier 3" categorical programs for any educational purpose; and

WHEREAS, SB 70 of 2011 extended this limited fiscal flexibility to include fiscal years 2013/14 and 2014/15 to allow school districts to continue to utilize funding received from the state budget act for "Tier 3" categorical programs for any educational purpose; and

WHERE AS, AB110 of 2013 replaced the school funding formula including the "Tier 3" categoricals with the Local Control Funding Formula effective July 1, 2013, and,

WHEREAS, the governing board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District took testimony at a regularly scheduled public hearing from the public, including parents, community members, and representatives from all school personnel including teachers, administrators and classified employees; and

WHEREAS, following the public testimony, the board discussed the flexibility provision, how to prioritize the use of limited resources, and the effect on the specific programs offered by the school district; and

WHEREAS, any transfer of funds will be used to ensure that the district's overall goals for student learning will be at the forefront of the use of this flexibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that following a public hearing in which input was provided by a broad array of stakeholders, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District will utilize the flexibility provided through SBX3 4 during the state's fiscal crisis to transfer all remaining funds in Tier 3 categorical programs for any educational purpose.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to provide transparency and accountability, the

Superintendent shall establish an accounting procedure that identifies the funding sources affected and the program to which the funding will be transferred.
Presented to the Board for approval June 25, 2014:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Governing Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.