

PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution 07-08-16

In Opposition to the Governor's 2008-09 Proposed Budget

WHEREAS, California's more than 6 million students deserve high-quality schools with well-trained educators, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, up-to-date textbooks and dynamic parental support; and

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger's 2008-09 budget proposal and the Legislative Analyst Office's review calls for massive and devastating cuts to K-12 students and schools by reducing Proposition 98 in the current year and for 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, A \$4.4 billion cut to Proposition 98 funding would mean laying off tens of thousands of teachers statewide and would also result in increases in class size, not to mention a further erosion of the support system for students provided by classified and paraprofessional staff; and

WHEREAS, Under the Governor's proposed budget, Pajaro Valley Unified School District would lose approximately \$8,300,000 in 2008-09 due to the suspension of Proposition 98, and approximately \$3,000,000 in grants and entitlements; and

WHEREAS, Pajaro Valley Unified School District has suffered more than \$13 million in cuts in the last several years, damaging local efforts to raise student achievement, recruit and retain highly qualified teachers, and guarantee small class sizes; and

WHEREAS, According to recently released reports and studies, California is spending \$1,900 less per student than the national average – seriously under funding its public schools; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proposed budget reductions are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goals of improving student achievement, at a time when our students are making progress toward meeting rigorous state and federal education standards; and

WHEREAS, The 'Getting Down to Facts' studies show that billions more need to be invested in education in California to ensure the opportunity for all students to succeed now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, The \$14 billion budget problem was not created by our students and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success; and

WHEREAS, California voters approved – and continue to strongly support – Proposition 98 to protect schools and students from harmful budget cuts and to establish a minimum level of education funding; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's budget proposal goes against the will of California voters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pajaro Valley Unified School District strongly opposes the Governor's 2008-09 budget proposal and urges the Governor and Legislature to discuss all possibilities to solve the budget crisis including new revenue sources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Pajaro Valley Unified School District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 27th day of February 2008.

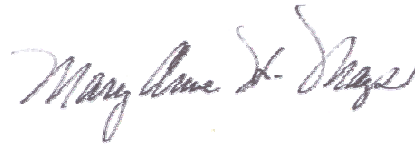
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