

**RESOLUTION NO. 16 (07-08)  
OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S 2008-2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

**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 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, the Oceanside Unified School District would lose \$4.4 million in 2008-09 due to the suspension of Proposition 98; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oceanside Unified School District has suffered more than \$21.0 million in cuts in the last several years, and the Governor's 2008-09 proposal would require an additional \$8.8 million budget reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, according to recently released reports and studies, California spends \$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 goal 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 succeed now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 Oceanside Unified School District Board of Education strongly opposes the governor's 2008-2009 budget proposal and urges the governor and legislature to discuss all possibilities to solve the budget crisis.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education on March 11, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO     )

I, Roy Youngblood, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Oceanside Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date, March 11, 2008.

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Roy Youngblood  
Clerk of the Board of Education