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Resolution No. 84388 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN'S LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA (LCFF) BUDGET TRAILER TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2013-2014 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland benefits from having a highly educated and informed population; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Oakland residents believe that our public schools play a critical role in preparing children for future secondary-education and career success as well as personal achievement happiness, and

WHEREAS, many children in Oakland begin their K-12 school careers with many challenges stemming from poverty, limited English fluency, and a lack of preparation in their earliest years, thus challenging our public schools to help students overcome academic challenges, and

WHEREAS, limited-English proficiency, lack of exposure to literacy, and exposure to violence and trauma are some of the challenges faced by many students in our Oakland public schools; and

WHEREAS, increased funding dollars can help Oakland public schools provide greater and better focused programs that allow education leaders to challenge and support our Oakland students to address their education needs and overcome hurdles; and

WHEREAS, under the Governor's proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), no school district or charter school will receive less in per-pupil funding than it received in the current State budget, and

WHEREAS, under the proposed LCFF the majority of California school districts and charter schools will receive moderate to significant funding increases, with funding levels projected to grow by approximately \$2,700 per student over the first five years of Formula implementation, and

WHEREAS, school districts such as Oakland Unified School District and local charter schools will receive substantial additional funding based on the number of English learners, students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals, and foster youth, and that this additional funding, known as supplemental funding and concentration grants, will assist schools in meeting the unique educational needs of these Oakland students, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed LCFF proposes increasing per-pupil funding for Oakland students by upwards of \$3,000 per student under the budget plan's full implementation, according to the State Department of Finance, helping Oakland Unified School District to better address the needs of so many Oakland students; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council supports Governor Jerry Brown's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Trailer to the State of California 2013-2014 Budget.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

MAY 21 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN ~ >

NOES - & ABSENT - & ABSTENTION - &

ATTEST:

ATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California