

Sample board resolution on California's May 19 ballot initiatives

WHEREAS, Propositions 1A, 1C, 1D and 1E on California's May 19 ballot would negatively impact K–12 public education; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives would not solve and do not address the state's ongoing structural imbalance between revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives would only add more broken layers to an already broken system, exacerbating the current budget crisis and making it more difficult to solve the state's fiscal problems later; and

WHEREAS, the short-term benefits of these initiatives would be outweighed by even more intractable problems in the near future; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives would arbitrarily restrict state spending and take us further from the goal of generating the revenues needed to fund our public schools at the level needed for our students to be successful; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B would create a repayment plan for the state to pay public schools \$9.3 billion they are rightfully owed; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B is consistent with the maintenance of the minimum funding requirements of voter-approved Proposition 98; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B is also consistent with support for a level of funding needed to establish and maintain a world class system of public schools; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1F would prevent pay increases for state legislators and constitutional officers when the state General Fund is expected to end the year in a deficit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ school district/county office of education opposes Propositions 1A, 1C, 1D and 1E and supports Propositions 1B and 1F.

