

Sample resolution language opposing the Governor's 2024–25 May Revise Budget for violating the State Constitution and reducing school funding

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposition 98 maneuver defies the spirit as well as the statutory and constitutional requirements of voter-approved Prop 98, the bedrock of California education funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's funding maneuver would take \$8.8 billion (approximately \$1,507 in average daily attendance, or ADA) in funds already given to schools while reclassifying those funds as non-school spending for the purpose of Prop 98 calculations; and

WHEREAS, the maneuver could result in a \$15 billion (approximately \$2,569 ADA) loss to Prop 98 over the three-year budget period; and

WHEREAS, dismantling Prop 98 would result in programmatic cuts, layoffs, school closures, and labor strife while undermining learning recovery, school safety, and mental health services for students statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Prop 98 maneuver would jeopardize interventions for students in need, diminish options for addressing the staffing shortage, and reduce overall student support at a precarious time for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the maneuver sets a troubling precedent that could be used by future governors and legislatures to avoid complying with the Prop 98 funding guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the maneuver removes a funding safety net that has served schools for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, manipulating the operative test year and rescoring prior-year funding to schools as non-education funding would lower the baseline for calculating future Prop 98 allocations and reduce education funding for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the maneuver ignores that previous — and more severe — financial crises were resolved using the tools enshrined in Prop 98 law without resorting to unconstitutional measures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the **NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR ORGANIZATION** condemns the Governor's May Revise for undermining the spirit and statute of Proposition 98, violating the State Constitution, contradicting the expressed will of the voters, and reducing future school funding by billions of dollars. And be it further resolved that the **NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR ORGANIZATION** urges the Legislature and the Administration to honor the constitutional protections for Prop 98 and abandon the misguided Proposition 98 maneuver contained in 2024–25 May Revise Budget.

