

KENTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2020-21  
Resolution #1

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT

Whereas, since the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, school funding in California has experienced severe limitations in what was once the main source of funding for schools, the property tax;

Whereas, while the intent of Proposition 13 is to help homeowners, a loophole in the system permits major commercial and industrial properties to avoid regular reassessment, providing a windfall to commercial property owners at the expense of vital school funding;

Whereas, the share of the property tax burden has shifted away from commercial property and toward residential property throughout the state and in virtually every county;

Whereas, school funding in California is well below the national average while California's cost of living is among the highest in the nation;

Whereas, staffing ratios for teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, and administrators in California rank at the bottom in the nation;

Whereas, public schools in California face challenges in providing an equitable and fair education for a student population with vast differences in language, income, parental education level, and other social, educational, and economic factors;

Whereas, research has proven that investments in high needs students raises achievement levels, lowers poverty, and increases the productivity of the workforce;

Whereas, the Schools and Local Communities Funding Act is on the November 2020 ballot;

Whereas, the measure will provide funding to all school districts, over and above Proposition 98 funding, and following the local control funding formula to all students in need in all districts;

Whereas, the Schools and Local Communities Funding Act will improve land use, provide a direct tax break to small businesses, and level the playing field between neighboring commercial property owners; now,

Whereas, restoring funding to our schools is critical for the future of California; and

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Kentfield School District endorses the Schools and Communities First Funding Act for a ballot measure in November 2020.

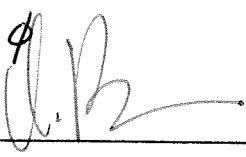
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kentfield Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 21st of July, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Signed..... 

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