

Berkeley Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

**Resolution to Support
Schools & Local Public Safety Protection Act (Proposition 30) and Our Children Our
Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act (Proposition 38)
Resolution No. 12-81**

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education is committed to making policy and financial decisions that enable the school district to provide quality educational programs and services to the school-age children of our community; and

WHEREAS, since the onset of the state's fiscal crisis in 2008, public schools statewide have experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals totaling more than \$20 billion; and

WHEREAS, California public schools now rank 47th out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending. Moreover, more than 40,000 educators have been laid off from California public schools since 2008, impacting the quality of the educational programs delivered to students; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District has implemented \$12 million in budget cuts and adjustments since 2008-09 in order to stay fiscally solvent; and;

WHEREAS, the school funding crisis is at historic proportions with 188 school districts certifying possible difficulty in meeting their financial obligations over the next two years; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED