

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District
REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
1 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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42. Ms. García, Dr. McKenna - ~~Reducing the Inequitable Impact of Increasing Equity in Funding Cuts for Our Highest Need Students (Res-097-16/17) (Noticed May 9, 2017)~~

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to providing all children with a world-class education, regardless of socioeconomic status or other factors, and students living in material poverty are especially deserving of services to help them succeed academically;

Whereas, The federal government has long recognized the need to provide additional resources to children living in poverty in order to advance equity in public education;

Whereas, President Lyndon B. Johnson established Title I funding in 1965 to help close the achievement gap between low-income children and their middle-class peers;

Whereas, More than 76 percent of District students qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program, a measurement used to determine Title I eligibility;

Whereas, A \$34 million reduction in the District's Title I allocation in 2011-12 prompted the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District to raise the eligibility threshold from 40 to 50 percent in order to shift more money to the highest-poverty schools;

Whereas, The District currently distributes Title I revenue using a two-tiered system, which in 2016-17 allocated \$518 per student for schools with low-income enrollments of 50-64.99 percent; and \$682 per student for schools with 65 percent or more low-income students;

Whereas, The District anticipates a reduction in Title I funding from \$327.7 million in 2016-17 to \$269.1 million, or a reduction of \$58.6 million, in 2017-18;

Whereas, In response to this anticipated reduction, the District reduced Title I allocations for 2017-18 at all schools by approximately 16.5 percent, resulting in cuts of approximately \$85 per student at schools with 50-64.99 percent of low-income students and \$113 per student at schools with 65-100 percent low-income students;

Whereas, This reduction will caused schools serving the largest population of low-income students to have the largest dollar drop in Title I funding, with many schools losing hundreds of thousands of dollars;

Whereas, Local school boards are empowered to determine how to distribute Title I resources to eligible campuses, which are those with low-income enrollments of at least 40 percent; and

Whereas, The District has prioritized, in its strategic plan, a commitment to excellence, high expectations, equity, and access to ensure academic achievement and empower tomorrow's leaders, which requires the highest need students receive an equitable amount of support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District directs the Superintendent to bring to the Board a report back within 90 days with an analysis of how anticipated financial shifts at the state and federal level will affect school site funding and will with an articulated a plan for raising the amount of Title I funding on per student basis for schools with low-income enrollments of at least ~~85%~~ 80 percent beginning in the 2018-19 school year;

Resolved further, That beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the Title 1 investment strategy that will keep the eligibility threshold at 50 percent but will include a 3 tier system, ~~50-74.959.9 percent tier 3, 7560-84.979.9 percent tier 2, and an 8580-100 percent tier 1~~ financial formula that is based on a newly developed equity formula;

~~Resolved further, That the Superintendent also analyze the carryover or surplus from all parts of the District's budget in fiscal year 2017-18 and explore other possible strategies, such as using Targeted Student Population funds or additional funding beyond what is currently anticipated, to hold schools over the 85% Title 1 threshold financially harmless in the 2017-2018 school year; and, be it finally~~

Resolved further, That all Title 1 carryover funds that exceed the current estimated projection will be spread out on a per pupil basis over the Tier 1 schools (80-100 percent) beginning 18-19 school year;

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Resolved, Any future cuts made by the District to the 3 tiers of Title 1 designated schools will be done with a priority to minimize funding reductions for schools with low-income enrollment exceeding ~~8579.9 percent~~, understanding that equity demands that schools serving the greatest concentration of need be given our greatest support.