

Resolution in Support of More Resources For Lower Income Schools

WHEREAS 8 out of 22 of schools in the Alum Rock Union Elementary District, which requires more state funding than other districts, closed down; and

WHEREAS most of the disparities in high income and low income schools are concentrated in Bay Area counties like Santa Clara county. Basic aid districts receive billions of dollars in excess taxes. These basic aid districts include communities with some of the most expensive homes in California like the Palo Alto Unified School District, which receive and spend substantially more per student than less affluent districts, such as San Jose Unified School District; and

WHEREAS the teacher salary for higher income districts is thousands of dollars more than lower income districts. As a result, many teachers in low income districts move in order to go to higher income districts. This results in low income districts losing 60-80 teachers per year. Students need high quality teachers but low income districts don't have the funds to be able to give teachers the salaries they need to comfortably live; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the state increasing funding for low income school districts, more federal title I grants, and contributing funds towards increasing teacher salary. Students at different schools deserve a quality education no matter if they live in a low income or high income area. It's time for Santa Clara County to provide the funds so students are able to get the quality education they deserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Members of Congress who represent any part of Santa Clara County.

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