

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3139

“Requesting Federal Funding to Support Public Schools in Response to COVID
Economic Impacts”

WHEREAS, the COVID

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides \$13.5 billion for public school budgets to directly stabilize public school funding nationwide, as well as additional aid for child care, child nutrition and grants to provide mental health support to students; and

WHEREAS, the \$31 billion in dedicated emergency funding for K and higher education provided by the CARES Act falls far short of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Great Recession-era stimulus, which provided \$100 billion for education with investments in both state fiscal stabilization funds as well as public school categorical programs including Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

WHEREAS, the Association of California School Administrators and the California School Boards Association in an April 15 letter to congressional leaders requested the next federal stimulus package include an additional \$175 billion under the Education Stabilization Fund for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund; specific targeted funding support for students with disabilities and low-income students; and for mental health and trauma services for students, as well as waivers targeting a narrow set of requirements under IDEA that schools cannot safely meet under statewide shelter-in-place orders; and

WHEREAS, 35 U.S. senators, including California's Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, strongly urged Congress in an April 2 letter that the next coronavirus relief package include \$2 billion in E-Rate funds for schools and libraries to provide WiFi hotspots or other devices with WiFi capability to students without adequate connectivity at their home, noting the "homework gap" experienced by 12 million students in this country who do not have internet access at home and are unable to complete their homework; and

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Institute of California found in 2019 that nearly 16 percent (roughly 945,000) of California's schoolunants3(unds)-1(f)3(or)3(s)-1(c)4(hool5(RE)02 Tw T9-5(u)-4ite) unabl-1.15 Td ()Tj EM28.8P <</MCID 8 >>BDC /TT0 1 Tf 90.002 Tc 25.8P Tw 0 -1.15 TD [(W)-2(H)-4(E

WHEREAS, national education organizations including the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, The School Superintendents Association, the Council of Great City Schools, the National Parent Teachers Association and the National School Boards Association have called upon Congress to provide \$200 billion to begin providing relief to public schools throughout the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education calls on our Congressional delegation, inclusive of our United States Senators and House of Representatives, and the Governor of California to advocate for additional federal funding to prioritize stable public school funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 21st day of May 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Jessie Ryan
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education