



RESOLUTION NO. 031511-F

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUPPORT PLACING A REVENUE EXTENSION MEASURE ON THE BALLOT

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solve the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, state and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years; and

WHEREAS Long Beach Unified School District has projected a funding shortfall of over \$50 million if current taxes are not extended and as a result, over 1,000 teachers in Long Beach Unified School District have received notices of potential layoff; and

WHEREAS, the loss of \$7 billion in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets; and

WHEREAS, to begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure to extend temporary revenues could help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension of revenues the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach Unified School District expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District supports the Governor's balanced approach to addressing the financial crisis with a combination of cuts and revenue extensions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our state.