

Believing In Our Schools Again: Investing in Enrollment Growth for LAUSD 2015 (Res-073-14/15)

Date Noticed: 4/14/2015 Date of Action: 5/12/2015

Whereas, Enrollment decline has now been identified as the number one factor causing the Los Angeles Unified School District's structural budget deficit;

Whereas, Enrollment decline limits the District's ability to implement Board approved District priorities and effectively serve all students;

Whereas, Despite the ongoing District budget crisis, program cuts and additional stresses, District schools have shown measurable progress in almost every area over the last five years; and

Whereas, The March 10th report from the Chief Financial Officer identified an enrollment decline of over 140,000 students over the last decade and over 40,000 students in the last year, but did not identify specific strategies for reversing this enrollment decline; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District declares reversing the declining enrollment trend as a primary priority for the District; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent, in collaboration with our labor partners, research institutions and experts in the field, shall develop a comprehensive enrollment expansion plan and submit it to the Board for action at the December 2015 Regular Board meeting, that includes, but is not limited to:

- A strategic plan for investments that would serve as catalysts to reversing current trends in declining enrollment and that would be aligned with other Board approved District priorities. Such investments would be based on the identification of programs that are currently growing enrollment and would include 1, 3 and 5 year benchmarks for reversing this trend.
- A District-wide campaign designed to grow enrollment by highlighting District successes. Such a campaign would address the positive impact that additional resources would have on the classroom and on the District's ability to serve all children.
- A comprehensive outreach strategy to ensure current housing developments and business developments throughout the District to ensure new residents and employees are familiar with the educational options in the District.
- A strategic plan and investment to expand efforts based in enrollment recovery, dropout prevention, in-district academic recovery, individual student attendance tracking plans, and returning student support programs that will eradicate dropout rates and facilitate the return of students to the District to diploma recovery up through the age of 25.

Sponsor: Steven Zimmer

Cosponsors:

Mónica Ratliff

Moved by: Steven Zimmer

Second: Mónica Ratliff

Votes:

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Yes: 7
No: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

George McKenna III.....	Yes
Mónica Ratliff.....	Yes
Bennett Kayser.....	Yes
Steven Zimmer.....	Yes
Richard Vladovic.....	Yes
Tamar Galatzan.....	Yes
Mónica García.....	Yes