

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Supporting Senate Bill 1174: To Ensure Students Access to Biliteracy
(Res-085-13/14)

DATE NOTICED: 04-22-14

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 05-13-14

PRESENTED BY: Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Kayser,

MOVED/SECONDED BY: Ms. Galatzan /
Mr. Zimmer

MOTION:

RESOLUTION: x

Whereas, On the statewide primary election of June 2, 1998 California voters approved Proposition 227 which severely restricted the use of primary language for instructing English Learners and instead called for a transitional program of Structured English Immersion that was normally not to last for more than one year;

Whereas, This initiative was the first to ask the public to vote on a specific instructional strategy for educating children,

Whereas, Normally, instructional methods are the purview of teacher training and research institutions where educators debate decisions about instruction through a process adjudicated by the State Board of Education,

Whereas, In 2006 the California Dept. of Education contracted with the American Institutes of Research and West Ed to conduct a five year legislatively mandated evaluation of the effects of Proposition 227,

Whereas, This study found that Proposition 227 had not helped substantially in improving English Learner reclassification, integration, or academic performance;

Whereas, The program requirements of Proposition 227 do not reflect the current 'state of the art' evidence-based programs that develop student's biliteracy and bilingualism and are the most effective for long term academic success and for closing the achievement gap;

Whereas, A large body of research has demonstrated the cognitive benefits and increase in academic performance of students in dual and tri-immersion programs;

Whereas, As evidenced by the growth of these programs across the state, parents have expressed their interest in having multilingual programs, in order to prepare their children to participate in the global economy;

Whereas, SB 1174 (Lara, D-33); which asks the Legislature to place an initiative on the ballot to amend Proposition 227; has been introduced and is currently under consideration by the California Senate, and

Whereas, SB 1174 has the support of the California Assn. for Bilingual Education and Californians Together, a coalition of parents, teachers, education advocates and civil rights groups, now, therefore be it

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Resolved, That the Board of Education strongly support Senate Bill 1174, introduced by Senator Ricardo Lara; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent direct the Office of Legislation to communicate the District's position to the appropriate committees of the State Legislature and the Los Angeles delegation.

AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

Ms. Galatzan	X			
Ms. García	X			
Mr. Kayser	X			
VACANT (BD 1)				
Ms. Ratliff	X			
Mr. Zimmer	X			
Dr. Vladovic	X			
TOTAL	6			

ACTION: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE