

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill No. 830 (Portantino) - Education Finance: Supplemental
2 Education Funding]

3 **Resolution supporting California Senate Bill No. 830, authored by Senator Anthony**
4 **Portantino on Education Finance: Supplemental Education Funding, to transition**
5 **California’s K-12 school funding calculation from average daily attendance-based**
6 **funding to enrollment-based funding to provide additional funding to school districts.**

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8 WHEREAS, On January 3, 2022, Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge)
9 introduced Senate Bill (SB) 830, a measure to move California K-12 school district funding
10 away from average daily attendance funding to enrollment-based funding from the start of the
11 2023-2024 school year; and

12 WHEREAS, The current average daily attendance funding means districts’ baseline
13 funding depends on the number of students enrolled, minus the daily average number of
14 absent students; and

15 WHEREAS, SB 830 would redefine districts’ baseline funding as the amount of the
16 aggregate enrollment days for all pupils in a school district, divided by the total number of
17 instructional days; and

18 WHEREAS, California is currently using an outdated system that only considers
19 student attendance, and is one of only six states, including Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi,
20 Missouri and Texas, that does not consider student enrollment figures for determining state
21 aid to school districts; and

22 WHEREAS, School districts plan their budgets and expend funds based on the number
23 of students enrolled, yet only receive funds based on their average daily attendance; and

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1 WHEREAS, If a school district enrolls one hundred students but their attendance rate is
2 95%, the school district must still prepare as if one hundred students will attend class every
3 day but only receive funding for ninety-five students; and

4 WHEREAS, The current average daily attendance formula worsens inequality since
5 educational consequences from school understaffing and underfunding are exponentially
6 worse across school districts that traditionally serve large populations of lower-income
7 students, and other vulnerable student populations and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, The current attendance-based funding further disenfranchises students in
9 schools that face higher rates of absenteeism who were already facing stark opportunity
10 differences and are most in need of the state’s financial support; and

11 WHEREAS, The opportunity gaps that existed prior to the COVID crisis have only been
12 exacerbated during this crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco Unified School District is facing a \$125 million budget
14 shortfall, and school districts all over the state are facing similar issues; and

15 WHEREAS, While the state has maintained district funding to help schools weather the
16 pandemic, without a change in funding formula, school budgets will revert to allocating money
17 based on average daily attendance; and

18 WHEREAS, The COVID pandemic has had long-lasting impacts on student
19 achievement and mental health; and

20 WHEREAS, Average daily attendance has dropped significantly since the pandemic,
21 and school districts will lose out on millions of dollars in funding when attendance drops; and

22 WHEREAS, State law that allowed for remote learning expired in 2021, and under the
23 current average daily attendance formula, school districts may lose funding from the state if
24 they respond to the spread of new or current variants of COVID by reverting to remote
25 learning; and

1 WHEREAS, When physical classrooms reopened in the fall of 2021, districts failing to
2 offer independent study to students in quarantine were required to count those pupils as
3 absent, resulting in districts losing their attendance-based funding; and

4 WHEREAS, More state funding will help alleviate the budget crises that our public
5 school systems are facing; and

6 WHEREAS, SB 830 could yield \$3 billion more in annual state funding for California
7 schools, and California is expecting a \$31 million surplus; and

8 WHEREAS, SB 830's new funding formula ensures that no school districts will lose
9 money from the new formula by including a "hold harmless" provision that would keep current
10 funding levels but allow districts to apply for supplemental funding if enrollment totals are
11 greater than the average daily attendance formula; and

12 WHEREAS, SB 830 would still disincentivize truancy by requiring districts to spend half
13 of any new funds they receive on combating chronic absenteeism; and

14 WHEREAS, SB 830's enrollment-based funding would provide California schools with
15 more equitable, stable, and predictable funding; and

16 WHEREAS, If we do not act with greater urgency to properly fund and invest in our
17 public education system, there will be lasting impacts on our students, public schools, and our
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, There is general agreement among parents, educators, school
20 administrators, that our schools are in dire need of more economic resources to better serve
21 our students; and

22 WHEREAS, The SB 830 has already been endorsed by the California School
23 Employees Association and Los Angeles Unified School District; and

24 WHEREAS, We have a moral obligation to protect the integrity of our educational
25 institutions by ensuring that they are properly funded to overcome the current and future

1 challenges presented by the COVID-19 health crisis and rectify past failures to adequately
2 resource our institutions; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports SB 830; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
5 Francisco urges its local state elected officials, including the Assembly Member Phil Ting, and
6 Senator Scott Wiener, to champion the proper investment in education and recovery of our
7 public education system by adding their names as co-sponsors of SB 830; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
9 the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to SB 830 bill sponsor Senator Anthony J. Portantino
10 and members of the California Assembly and Senate from San Francisco with a request to
11 take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this Resolution.

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