



Board of Education

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Hold Harmless Provision

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/10

In Support of the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Hold Harmless Provision for Remainder of the 2021–22 School Year

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 Delta variant has rapidly spread throughout Los Angeles County and California, necessitating guidance and action from federal, state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued recent and frequent changes and updates to the Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of students, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, the rising Delta variant has forced the Lynwood Unified School to rapidly adapt under constantly changing and challenging circumstances to continue to deliver high-quality education to all students while safeguarding public health; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the preferred method of instruction will always be in-person and that students gain the most from relationships developed through in-person interactions; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted changes to Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6158, Independent Study to ensure compliance with state educational code on August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Unified School district administrators, faculty, and staff have been offering an independent study option to meet the educational needs of all of our students as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 130 signed into state law on July 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the challenges caused by changes in independent study options have forced local education agencies already faced with budget deficits to provide significant support and tailor resources to ensure learning continues; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District will need substantial funding in order to overhaul operations to accommodate increasing independent study enrollment for students as well as provide the support for in-person learning; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District's budget is quickly being drained of reserves through these changes and other impacts caused by the COVID-19 Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District are incurring new costs to effectively respond to changes, including expanding independent study program options, providing COVID-19 testing, and

additional staff; adding to the severity of an economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District has been working to continue to provide critical services to students and families, meal pick-ups, access to technology, and mental and behavioral health services while grappling with an impending economic recession that includes a decline in revenues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District urges the Governor of California to extend the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) hold-harmless provision identified in Section 43502 (b) of Senate Bill (SB) 98 for the 2021-22 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District calls on the Governor of California and the Legislature to continue to protect school funding from uncertainties caused by COVID-19 and the Delta variant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District calls on the Governor of California and the Legislature to change state funding methodologies based on average daily attendance and recognize this is no longer a viable policy option in a pandemic era and risks undercounting enrollment resulting in underfunded school districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District calls on the Governor of California and the Legislature to maintain school funding at the 2019-20 level to allow for stability in our public education system in light of the impacts exacerbated by the uncertainties caused by COVID-19 Delta variant, challenging reopening protocols, and changes in independent study options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District calls on the Governor of California and the Legislature to provide a balance of flexibility for schools and instructional accountability in order to navigate these uncertainties while minimizing the impact of educational disruption on student learning;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the September 9, 2021, meeting of this Board.

The forgoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on the 9th day of September, 2021 by the following votes:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

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