

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education Resolution**

ASSEMBLY BILL 621 THE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE SUMMER BRIDGE FUND

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District aims to support those persons who are dedicated in their service to public education; and

WHEREAS, Classified school employees comprise an integral part of the education community; and

WHEREAS, Classified school employees perform vital duties in promoting the welfare and safety of the District's students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, The median annual income for California's nearly 300,000 classified school employees is only \$20,700; and

WHEREAS, One-quarter of California's classified school employees live in housing that is rent burdened, overcrowded, or both; and

WHEREAS, Many classified school employees go unpaid during the summer months and struggle to provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, All other workers who are employed on a periodic or seasonal basis qualify for unemployment insurance benefits, only school employees do not; and

WHEREAS, AB 621 (Bocanegra), the Classified Employee Summer Bridge Fund, establishes a contribution account by the state and the employee to address this inequality and to bridge the financial burden classified employees face each summer; and

WHEREAS, AB 621 (Bocanegra), creates a partially self-funded account that allows classified employees to contribute a small portion of their paychecks that will be matched by the state; and

WHEREAS, AB 621 (Bocanegra), Summer Bridge Fund is voluntary and would allow participants to cash in their banked hours during periods of school recess; and

WHEREAS, AB 621 (Bocanegra), Establishes a, cost-effective solution that allows classified workers to support their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes and appreciates the contributions and dedicated service of classified professionals to quality education in the State of California and in the District; and, be it finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby fully supports the passage and adoption of Assembly Bill 621 the Classified Employee Summer Bridge Fund, and urges the California State Legislature and the Governor to make this bill become law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education this 30th day of August 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

Laurie Lieberman, President
Board of Education

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent
Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District