



Campbell Union School District

Resolution 2017-18-15

Resolution Urging Renewal of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

WHEREAS, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides low-cost medical coverage to 9 million children in America; and

WHEREAS, in California, 1.3 million children – including more than 200,000 kids in the Bay Area – depend on CHIP for their healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, CHIP covers children from low-income, working families that do not have access to employer-based healthcare coverage but earn too much to qualify for Medicare; and

WHEREAS, CHIP serves some of the most vulnerable children, including kids with disabilities or other special health care needs such as juvenile diabetes, asthma, or congenital heart conditions; and

WHEREAS, CHIP provides children with comprehensive healthcare coverage, including routine check-ups, immunizations, doctor visits, prescriptions, dental and vision care, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, laboratory and x-ray services, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, studies show that children with healthcare coverage are healthier than children without healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed legislation with bipartisan support in 1997 to create CHIP; and

WHEREAS, Congress reauthorized CHIP and expanded coverage to serve approximately 4 million more children in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Congress most recently renewed CHIP funding in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Congress allowed CHIP to expire on September 30, 2017 by failing to reauthorize funding to the program;

WHEREAS, states administer CHIP, and many states, including California, estimate that remaining CHIP funds will run out in their respective states by January 2018, if not sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Union School District serves 7,500 elementary and middle school students, as well as 400 infants and toddlers, in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, more than 40% of Campbell Union School District students are eligible for free or reduced lunch; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Union School District has families and students who rely on CHIP for their healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell Union School District believes that every child should receive the medical care and treatment they need so they can learn in school and become productive members of society.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Campbell Union School District calls upon the United States Congress, including all members of the California delegation, to enact legislation prior to January 2018 that would, at a minimum, renew and fund CHIP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution, with a cover letter, be provided immediately to all member of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who represent California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution, with a cover letter, be provided immediately to the President and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day in December 2017 at a meeting by the Governing Board of Campbell Union School District by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I, Richard Nguyen, Clerk of the Governing Board of Campbell Union School District of Santa Clara County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting thereof held at its regular place of meeting on the date shown above stated, and maintained on file in the office of said Board.

Richard Nguyen, Clerk