

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Resolution**

**In Opposition to the Unification Petition Submitted to LACOE by the Malibu City Council**

**WHEREAS**, the Malibu City Council adopted a resolution on September 15, 2015, to authorize transmission of a petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District to the Los Angeles County Superintendent (LACOE), but did not send the resolution to LACOE at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2017, the City of Malibu's City Manager transmitted the Malibu City Council's September 15, 2015, resolution to LACOE's Committee on School District Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to the entire District and has been diligently looking for a pathway to unification that ensures that there would not be a substantial negative effect on the fiscal condition of either the remaining Santa Monica Unified School District (SMUSD) or the newly created Malibu Unified School District (MUSD) and is continuing that pursuit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Malibu City Council's resolution authorizing transmission of the petition for unification does not address the negative fiscal impacts to SMUSD, as described in reports submitted by the Malibu Unification Negotiations Committee and School Services of California;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education opposes the Malibu City Council's petition for unification, adopted by the Malibu City Council on September 15, 2015, and submitted to LACOE on August 31, 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education reserves its right to address, in detail, whether each of the conditions for unification set forth in California Education Code Section 35753 are met by the petition.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent to forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization for its consideration when deliberating on the Malibu City Council's petition for unification.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Laurie Lieberman, Board President

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Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent