



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 3, 2019

Via: *Electronic Submittal:* <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, Chair  
Assembly Education Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 159  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 39 (Muratsuchi)—As Amended March 18, 2019**

**Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member O'Donnell:

On behalf of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 39. This bill would increase the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) targets to provide public schools with education funding at the national average. This bill will be heard by the Assembly Education Committee on April 10, 2019.

AB 39 would help ensure that school districts can meet existing cost pressures and allow for future growth and enrichment of instructional programs for all students. Although community-funded districts do not receive LCFF dollars, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education strongly supports increasing the LCFF targets to address rising fixed costs of our state-funded neighbors.

For these reasons, we support AB 39 and will urge members of the Assembly Education committee to vote "aye" for this measure.

Sincerely,

Ben Drati  
Superintendent

cc: Members, Assembly Education Committee  
Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi

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