RESOLUTION NO. 693
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Resolution Calling for Support of AB 2808 (Muratsuchi) to Increase Local Control Funding for California's Public Schools

WHEREAS, California is the nation's most populous and wealthiest state and has the sixth largest economy in the world, and the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of any state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite California's leadership in the global economy, the state falls in the nation's bottom quintile on nearly every measure of public K-12 school funding and school staffing; and

WHEREAS, California ranks 45th nationally in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in pupil–teacher ratios and 48th in pupil–staff ratios; and

WHEREAS, K-12 school funding has not substantially increased, on an inflation-adjusted basis, for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), state funding for K-12 schools has only this year recently returned to levels predating the Great Recession of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the modest revenue increases since the implementation of the LCFF have been eroded by rapidly increasing costs for health care, pensions, special education, transportation and utilities; and

WHEREAS, 58 percent of California's public school students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch — 13 percent above the national average — and 23 percent of California students are English learners, more than twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, California's investment in public schools is out of alignment with its wealth, its ambitions, its demographics and the demands of a 21st-century education; and

WHEREAS, California funds schools at roughly $1,961 per student less than the national average, which translates to approximately $3,462 per student when adjusted for California being a high-cost state; and

WHEREAS, California trails the average of the top 10 states by almost $7,000 in per-pupil funding; and

WHEREAS, in order to prepare our students for participation in a democratic society and an increasingly competitive, technology-driven global economy, California must fund schools at a level sufficient to support student success; and

WHEREAS, if California is to close opportunity and achievement gaps and create a public school system that offers consistently high levels of education, the State must provide schools with the resources to meet the needs of their specific populations; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2018-19 budget would fully fund the LCFF and once that occurs there is not a mechanism to increase LCFF Targets; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi has introduced AB 2808, which would increase LCFF base, supplemental and concentration grant funding to a level that is equal to or above the average of the top 10 states, as called for in State Constitution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing board of the TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTS AB 2808 and urges the State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, this critical legislation that would fund California public schools at a level that is equal to or above the average of the top 10 states.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Twin Rivers Unified School District held this 13th day of March, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

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Michelle Rivas, President, Governing Board
Twin Rivers Unified School District
Sacramento County, California

I, Michael Baker, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Twin Rivers Unified School District, County of Sacramento, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

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Michael Baker, Clerk, Governing Board
Twin Rivers Unified School District
Sacramento County, California