

**ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2008-09 BUDGET  
RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2007-08**

**WHEREAS**, California's more than 6 million students deserve high-quality schools with well-trained educators, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, up-to-date textbooks and dynamic parental support; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Schwarzenegger's 2008-09 budget proposal calls for massive and devastating cuts to K-12 students and schools by reducing Proposition 98 funding by \$400 million in the current year and \$4.4 billion for 2008-09; and

**WHEREAS**, A \$4.4 billion cut to Proposition 98 funding would mean laying off tens of thousands of teachers statewide and would also result in increases in class size, not to mention a further erosion of the support system for students provided by classified and paraprofessional staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the governor's proposed budget, Elk Grove Unified School District would lose \$1,800,000 in the current fiscal year due to mid-year cuts and \$12,800,000 in revenue limit and transfer funding plus an additional loss of \$1,000,000 in categorical funding in 2008-09 due to the suspension of Proposition 98; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Unified School District has implemented reductions of more than \$30,000,000 million to programs and services in the last several years; and

**WHEREAS**, According to recently released reports and studies, California spends \$1,900 less per student than the national average -- seriously underfunding its public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The governor's proposed budget reductions are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement, at a time when our students are making progress toward meeting rigorous state and federal education standards; and

**WHEREAS**, The "Getting Down to Facts" studies show that billions more need to be invested in education in California to ensure the opportunity for all students to succeed now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, The \$14 billion budget problem was not created by our students and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success; and

**WHEREAS**, California voters approved — and continue to strongly support — Proposition 98 to protect schools and students from harmful budget cuts and to establish a minimum level of education funding; and

**WHEREAS**, The governor's budget proposal goes against the will of California voters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elk Grove Unified School District strongly opposes the governor's 2008-09 budget proposal and urges the governor and Legislature to discuss all possibilities to solve the budget crisis including new revenue sources and expenses.