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The Honorable Tony Thurmond
California State Assembly
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RE: AB 2808 (Muratsuchi)

Dear Assemblymember Thurmond:

The City of Albany strongly supports AB 2808 (Muratsuchi), which 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 in the Assembly Education Committee on April 11, 2018 and I hope you sign on as a co-author of this important legislation.

The new funding targets established in AB 2808 will help ensure that all school districts can meet existing cost pressures and allow for future growth and enrichment of instructional programs for all students. Current LCFF targets look backwards to 2007 – 08 funding levels and do not keep pace with massive growth in fixed costs such as employer pension contributions, health care, and special education services. It is imperative that California look ahead and specify new, higher LCFF targets.

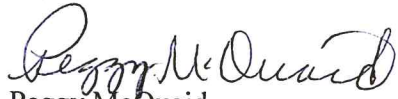
Specifically, this bill would increase LCFF targets as follows:

- From \$6845 to \$11,799 for average daily attendance in kindergarten and grades 1 – 3, inclusive
- From \$6,947 to \$11,975 for average daily attendance in grades 4 – 6, inclusive
- From \$7,154 to \$12,332 for average daily attendance in grades 7 & 8, inclusive
- From \$8,289 to \$14,289 for average daily attendance in grades 9 – 12, inclusive

The funding level proposed by AB 2808 would be financed over time using the growth in Proposition 98 funds.

This is a critical next step to ensure the legacy of the LCFF is continued for future generation of schoolchildren. We seek your support and co-authorship of AB 2808 and sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of our schools and public education.

Sincerely,



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