

Resolution

**Resolution of the _____ School District
in support of SB 840 (Kuehl), the Health Care for All Californians Act**

Whereas, there is a strong link between healthy children and student achievement, and

Whereas, the lack of affordable health care is a crisis of growing proportion in California and in the nation as a whole; and

Whereas, skyrocketing health care costs are creating serious problems for employers and workers by undermining wages and pensions, escalating the number of uninsured and underinsured, placing a significant strain on public health and public dollars, and contributing to economic stagnation; and

Whereas, health plans and insurance companies have reaped enormous profits from the premiums they established, yet they have failed to stabilize costs and develop reliable base standard of services delivered; and

Whereas, even where health insurance coverage is available, individuals and health care providers face a sometimes bewildering array of programs, out-of-pocket costs and administrative hassles that hinder the delivery of effective health care: and

Whereas, previous, piecemeal approaches to this crisis have not achieved goals of universal, comprehensive, effective and affordable health care; and

Whereas, Californians can no longer afford to write a blank check to a health care industry or intermediaries that are unaccountable to any public scrutiny or input; and

Whereas, a January 2005 analysis of the proposed Health Care for All Californians Act, conducted by the Lewin Group, has confirmed that passage of the Act will allow California to receive effective and comprehensive health care, while reducing the costs borne by individuals, government and by business; and

Whereas, the _____ school district can achieve an estimated savings of _____ if a universal health care system is implemented;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the School Board of _____ affirms its support for SB 840, a single payer universal health care plan.

President,

_____ School Board