WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO RESTORE BUDGETARY FLEXIBILITY NEEDED AS A RESULT OF AB 114

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12-03

WHEREAS, AB 114 contains several provisions which would make it nearly impossible for Willows Unified School District and all local educational agencies in the state to manage mid-year budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, AB 114 requires local educational agencies to ignore the possibility of midyear budget cuts in planning their own budgets, despite the budget õtriggerö; and

WHEREAS, AB 114 restricts that ability of local educational agencies to deal with midyear budget cuts if the budget õtriggerö is pulled; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly likely that the budget õtriggerö will be pulled; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is an unprecedented intrusion into the ability of local educational agencies to manage their own resources; and

WHEREAS, AB 114 could result in some local educational agencies becoming financially insolvent and subject to state receivership through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, this legislation could force the elimination of sorely needed educational programs; and

WHEREAS, AB 114 recklessly ties the hands of local educational agencies; and

WHEREAS, AB 114 was irresponsibly passed in the late hours with no public review or input;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Willows Unified School District respectfully requests that the Legislature and governor immediately restore the decision making and budgetary flexibility that local educational agencies need to deal with midyear budget cuts, should they occur.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this first day of September, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Clerk/Secretary of the Governing Board