



Resolution No. 2025/26-76

Date: May 13, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS CALLING ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO FULLY FUND PROPOSITION 98 AND REJECT ANY WITHHOLDING OR MANIPULATION OF CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the California Constitution, through voter-approved Proposition 98, guarantees stable and predictable funding for public education in order to support the academic success, safety, and well-being of California's students; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 98 was established by California voters to protect public education funding and prevent reductions, delays, or alterations to constitutionally guaranteed support for schools and community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2026 State Budget includes actions that would withhold, defer, or otherwise manipulate approximately \$5.6 billion in Proposition 98 funding owed to California's public schools; and

WHEREAS, withholding or delaying guaranteed Proposition 98 funding constitutionally undermines the intent of California voters, weakens public trust, and creates significant uncertainty for school districts attempting to responsibly plan and maintain educational programs and services; and

WHEREAS, reductions or delays in school funding have real and harmful consequences for students, staff, and school communities, including but not limited to:

- Increased class sizes;
- Reductions in teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, and support staff;
- Reduced mental health and counseling services;
- Cuts to arts, music, enrichment, extracurricular, and after-school programs;
- Delayed maintenance and operational needs;
- Hiring freezes, layoffs, and workforce instability; and
- Reduced individualized support and educational opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, school districts throughout California continue to face rising operational costs, increased student needs, and ongoing challenges related to staffing, student achievement, attendance recovery, and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, fully funding Proposition 98 is essential to preserving educational equity, maintaining high-quality educational programs, and ensuring that all students have access to the resources and support they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools believes that any action that undermines the constitutional guarantee of Proposition 98 funding is contrary to the best interests of California's students, families, educators, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools formally opposes any withholding, deferral, manipulation, or reduction of Proposition 98 funding owed to California public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board calls upon Governor Gavin Newsom, the California State Legislature, and all state education leaders to:

1. Reject any proposal that withholds or manipulates Proposition 98 funding;
2. Restore all funding owed to California's public schools under Proposition 98;
3. Honor the constitutional guarantees approved by California voters; and
4. Protect stable, equitable, and predictable funding for all public school students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board affirms its commitment to advocating for adequate and equitable school funding that supports students, employees, and educational programs throughout the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of California, members of the California Legislature representing the district, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the California Department of Education, local educational partners, and relevant educational advocacy organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board