

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 2013-128, Supporting Governor Brown's Education Funding Plan.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approves sending the resolution of support to the members of the California State Legislature and the Governor.

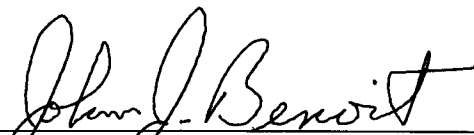
BACKGROUND:

Governor Jerry Brown's education funding proposal outlined in the May Revise looks to suspend a five-year slide in education funding and restore K-12 education by spending \$4.5 billion to prepare teachers for a standardized curriculum, pay down debt for underfunded districts and further increase support to schools in poorer, Spanish-speaking areas.

If the proposal is approved by the legislature, it will benefit the vast majority of schools in Riverside County by increasing education funding on a per-pupil basis.

A strong K-12 education is a vital factor in the long-term health and success of a student, while a poor K-12 education is a leading cause of early criminal behavior and poverty. It is important for the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to advocate for the restoration of K-12 education because it helps improve nearly all aspects of quality of life in the county.

While Governor Brown's education funding proposal makes noticeable strides to allocate resources to K-12 education, additional effort is required to support realignment funding, an issue Riverside County has been struggling with since the implementation of AB 109. I would like to also encourage Governor Brown to increase funding of public safety realignment to help Riverside County develop facilities and programs to stop the early release of inmates and ensure the safety of county residents.



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AGENDA NO. **3-31**

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-128

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4 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING

5 GOVERNOR BROWN'S EDUCATION FUNDING PLAN

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7 WHEREAS, a strong K-12 education is a vital determinant in positively impacting a student's health and
8 professional success; and

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10 WHEREAS, recent reductions in education funding have adversely impacted schools and students
11 throughout California by increasing class sizes, reducing support staff and special arts and physical
12 education programs that impair a student's ability to learn; and

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14 WHEREAS, a poor K-12 education is a leading cause of early juvenile criminal behavior and life-long
15 poverty; and

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17 WHEREAS, Career Technical Education programs, including Regional Occupation Programs (ROP),
18 Agricultural Education and California Partnership Academies, play an important role in preparing high
19 school students for future academic and career success: and

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21 WHEREAS, in his May Revisé, Governor Jerry Brown has unveiled an education funding proposal that
22 would prepare teachers for a standardized curriculum, pay down debt for underfunded districts and
23 increase funding to schools in poorer, Spanish-speaking areas; and

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25 WHEREAS, Governor Brown's education funding proposal will likely result in increased per-pupil
26 payments to many school districts in Riverside County; and

1 WHEREAS, while Governor Brown has commendably identified a plan to boost education funding, his
2 budget proposal eliminates categorical funding for Career Technical Education programs and requires
3 additional for support public safety realignment to alleviate immediate safety problems caused by the
4 implementation of AB 109;

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside
7 assembled in regular session on May 21, 2013 that it supports the Governor's education funding plan to
8 focus available resources on restoring K-12 education and encourages the maintenance of categorical
9 funding for Career Technical Education programs and increased AB 109 realignment funding.

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