



**Manteca Unified School District**  
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December 12, 2017

Dear Legislature:

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On behalf of the Board of Education of the Manteca Unified School District, we are writing to express our strong support for fully funding the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) now, and to urge that the **LCFF base grant funding levels be increased** once the current LCFF is fully funded.

In 1988, voters enacted Proposition 98, establishing a minimum funding level guarantee for public schools. **That law added** goals to the State Constitution:

- **California would provide** public schools with funding matching the top 10 states.
- **Average class sizes would be** equal to or lower than the average class size of the 10 states with the smallest class sizes.

In 2015-16, the top ten states spent \$20,909 per average daily attendance (ADA), while California spent \$11,357 per ADA\*, a deficit of nearly \$10,000. **California is failing to fund education** commensurate with its status among the nation's wealthiest and most economically stable states.

We call on California policy makers **to establish an aspirational funding level** based on those top 10 states and financed over time using the growth in Proposition 98 funds.

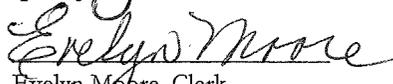
- **An aspirational model** ensures that Manteca USD can grow and enrich its "best, first instructional programs" to provide an exceptional education for ALL students.
- **Increasing the base grant allows** Manteca USD to keep pace with otherwise crippling growth in fixed costs: STRS/PERS; special education; new textbooks; health care; minimum wage; and other "must fund" expenditures.

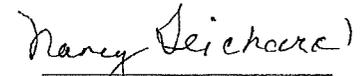
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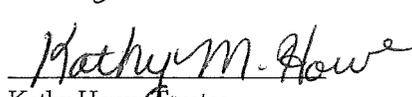
  
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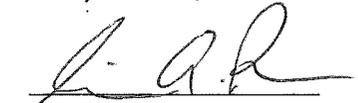
  
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*"Making a difference to each and every student daily."*

*\*Source: 2017 Rankings and Estimates, May 2017, National Education Association*



Office of the  
**SUPERINTENDENT**  
Manteca Unified School District

*Jason Messer, District Superintendent*

November 15, 2017

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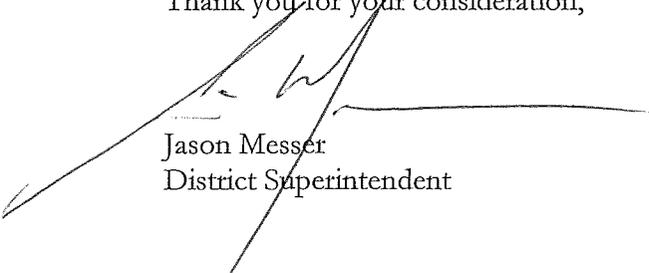
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