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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi California State Assembly, District 66 State Capital, Room 2179 P.O Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249

## RE: Assembly Bill No. 2808 NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City Council, Hermosa Beach City School District, parents, students, and teachers across California, I am writing to strongly support your proposed legislation, Assembly Bill 2808, which would increase the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) targets to provide public schools with education funding at the national average.

The new funding targets established in AB 2808 will help ensure that all school districts can meet existing cost pressures and allow for future growth and enrichment of instructional programs for all students. In its current form, the LCFF provides inadequate base funding to K-12 schools that is outpaced by the growing fixed costs such as employer pension contributions, health care, and special education services. For these aforementioned reasons, it is imperative that California look ahead and specify new, higher LCFF targets to address districts' fixed costs needs and for California to attain, at the very least, the national average in per pupil funding. The funding level proposed by AB 2808 would be financed over time using the growth in Proposition 98 funds.

Specifically, this bill would increase LCFF targets as follows:

- From \$6,845 to \$11,799 for average daily attendance in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive
- From \$6,947 to \$11,975 for average daily attendance in grades 4 to 6, inclusive
- From \$7,154 to \$12,332 for average daily attendance in grades 7 and 8
- From \$8,289 to \$14,289 for average daily attendance in grades 9 to 12, inclusive

The City of Hermosa Beach appreciates your efforts and affirms its support of Assembly Bill 2808. Should you have any questions or would like follow-up information on this matter, please contact our Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia at <u>ndeanda@hermosabch.org</u> or 310-318-0201.

Sincerely,

Jeff Duclos, Mayor City of Hermosa Beach

cc: Senator Ben Allen, Co-Author, California 26<sup>th</sup> District Assemblymember Catherine Baker, Co-Author, 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Co-Author, 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Superintendent Patricia Escalante, Hermosa Beach City School District