

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-15**

**Urging Congress to Amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 and  
Protect Funding for Public Education**

**WHEREAS**, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs, including public education, that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, these across-the-board budget cuts, known as sequestration, would impact local educational agencies during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, where the reduction would become effective in the current school year; and

**WHEREAS**, sequestration would impact public education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and may result in such unfortunate and undesirable outcomes as larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, cut backs in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, teacher and staff lay-offs, and the loss of instructional time; and

**WHEREAS**, sequestration would impact essentially every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento County Office of Education, as well as other local educational agencies in Sacramento County, would be seriously impacted by the estimated \$2.7 billion nationwide loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

**WHEREAS**, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for public education also continues to be seriously limited; and

**WHEREAS**, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as SCOE and the other LEAs in Sacramento County have already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sacramento County Board of Education urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to mitigate the drastic cuts to public education that would adversely affect our students and communities, and to protect public education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento County Board of Education on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

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Greg Geeting, Board President

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David W. Gordon, Board Secretary