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Resolution on Solving the California State Budget Crisis

WHEREAS, California's more than 6 million students deserve high-quality schools with well-trained educators, small class sizes, quality instructional materials, up-to-date textbooks and dynamic parental support; and

WHEREAS, Schools have already been cut \$2.8 billion in 2008-09, resulting in devastating cuts to K-12 students and schools; and

WHEREAS, This has resulted in teacher layoffs statewide and a further erosion of the support system for students provided by thousands of classified and paraprofessional staff that have been laid off; and

WHEREAS, Further budget reductions are fundamentally inconsistent with the state's goal of improving student achievement at a time when our students are making progress toward meeting rigorous state and federal education standards; and

WHEREAS, The cuts already made to schools will have long-term, lasting effects well beyond 2008-09, taking years to recover from such setbacks, and further cuts to education will have catastrophic consequences for our schools and students; and

WHEREAS, Cuts alone won't close the massive deficit the state is facing and increasing revenues must be a priority for the legislature and the governor; and

WHEREAS, The state's budget problem was not created by our students and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Garden Grove Education Association urges immediate action by the legislature and governor that recognizes the cuts schools have already made and solves the budget crisis with a balanced approach that includes revenue increases and protection of public education. Schools need to be DEFENDED not DEFUNDED during this critical time.

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Approved by the GGEA Representative Council on behalf of the entire membership on January 27, 2009.

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