

**Alameda County Board of Education
and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools**

RESOLUTION NO. 1909

**In support of
Full Funding of County Mental Health Services for
Students with Disabilities**

WHEREAS, if all California children and youth are to reach California's high educational standards that will allow them to succeed in school, work, and life, the state must commit adequate resources to schools and services children require to benefit from their education; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that appropriate early intervention services and programs at the first sign of academic difficulty have proven to greatly improve a child's chance of success; and

WHEREAS, special education is a federally mandated program and children with disabilities are entitled to a free appropriate public education (FAPE); and

WHEREAS, AB 3632 (Brown) was created in 1984 because mental health services and therapeutic residential services were not available for school-age children, and parents were surrendering them to the foster care system in order for their children to receive treatment and services.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature rightly determined that county mental health agencies have the best expertise to provide necessary mental health services to children with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Governor vetoed funding from the 2010-11 State Budget for services provided by county mental health agencies for educationally-necessary AB 3632/1984 mental health services to children with disabilities

WHEREAS, our state cannot afford to wait for more students to face hardship before taking decisive action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alameda County Board of Education and the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools strongly urges the Governor and the State Legislature to immediately provide full funding for AB 3632/1984 county mental health services to children with disabilities.

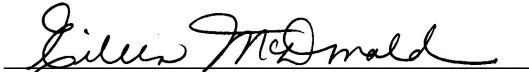
PASSED and ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010.

AYES: 6 _____


NOES: 0 _____

ABSTAIN: 0 _____

ABSENT: 1 _____



Eileen McDonald, President
Alameda County Board of Education



Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education