

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE

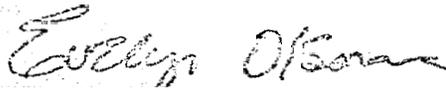
COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
APRIL 6, 1988

SUBJECT: CONSIDER REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE

I have received a request from the proponents of the School Funding for Instructional Improvement and Accountability Initiative for the City Council to consider adopting a resolution of support.

Schools must have a stable source of funding in order to plan for future growth and program development and it is proposed that this initiative will provide a constitutional funding "floor" by providing an annual cost-of-living adjustment and funding to reflect the growth in student population and provide additional funding for classroom programs and personnel.

The initiative petition has not yet been filed with the Secretary of State. It must be filed by June 6, 1988 in order to qualify for the November ballot.



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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, California schools are the fastest growing in the nation and must make room for as many as 130,000 additional students a year for the next decade, and

WHEREAS, the population growth in the City of Lodi is reflected by growth of student enrollment in our city's schools, and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of the City of Lodi recognize that the strength and vitality of life in our community depends in large part on the quality of our schools and the education programs being offered to our community's children, and

WHEREAS, schools must have a stable source of funding in order to plan for future growth and program development, and the School Funding for Instructional Improvement and Accountability Initiative will provide a constitutional funding "floor" by providing an annual cost-of-living adjustment and funding to reflect the growth in student population, and provide additional funding for classroom programs, and personnel, and

WHEREAS, the School Funding for Instructional Improvement and Accountability Initiative requires accountability and information programs so that the public will know how its tax dollars are being spent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that members of the public be encouraged to support and vote for this Initiative which will provide a solid foundation for the education of California's children.