

May 31, 2019

(Senate and Assembly Ed Comm members)

Dear

The Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District believes in local control of public education. School boards are elected by the voters to represent them and manage the school districts in which they live. We assume this responsibility seriously and believe that a local school board's sovereignty over public education in their geographic jurisdiction must be respected.

The Governing Board of Mountain View Whisman School District passed the enclosed resolution on May 30, 2019. We support current legislative efforts to reform the California Charter Schools Act so that the law recognizes and ensures locally elected school district boards are the sole authority for the approval and oversight of charter schools operating within their districts.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) recognize a local school board's responsibility to define its programs and budget priorities and we welcome the shift from state and county control to the local level. It is time to bring charter schools fully into local control as well.

The common theme of AB 1505, AB 1506 and 1507 is that of local control and respect for local board's knowledge of its constituencies and responsibilities for educational programs within its jurisdiction.

We ask that you support efforts to reform the Charter Schools Act to align with the concept of local control.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ayindé Rudolph
Superintendent