Budget Engagement and Accessibility Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, the Governor of the State of California and the State Legislature passed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) to address historical state funding inequities that resulted in fewer resources for low-income students, English learners and foster youth; and

Whereas, under LCFF, each Local Education Agency must adopt a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) that includes goals, actions, and expenditures that meet the LCFF eight state priorities; and

Whereas, under LCFF, each Local Education Agency must engage parents, students, educators, and community members while drafting their LCAPs; and

Whereas, effective and inclusive implementation of the LCAP planning process is essential to improving outcomes and ensuring equity for the state’s highest-need students; and

Whereas, for our district’s stakeholders to meaningfully engage in the LCAP planning process, stakeholders must have a clear understanding of our district’s financial state; and

WHEREAS, there must be alignment and coherence between our district’s budget and our LCAP; and

Whereas, our district’s stakeholders need access to clear, transparent financial information in order to give informed input and feedback on expenditures included in the LCAP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_ [Unified] School District aims to meaningfully engage stakeholders in the LCAP planning process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_[Unified] School District take into account the experiences and perspectives of parents, students, educators, and community members at it makes decisions for student success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_[Unified] School District commits to providing stakeholders with the clear, accessible financial information they need to provide informed and meaningful input onto programmatic decisions during the LCAP process; and

[If the governing board is interested in the district using Budget Engagement Tools, include this clause] BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate providing this budget information, the \_\_\_\_\_ [Unified] School District will direct the Superintendent to adopt the Budget Engagement Best Practices and the accompanying PowerPoint presentation template developed by the California Association of School Business Officials, the Education Trust-West, and Children Now to satisfy the district’s commitment to stakeholder inclusion in the crucial decisions that will support the success of all our students.