

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

Resolution in the Matter of Supporting)
the Restoration of Access for District)
Students to San Diego State University)

RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District is committed to supporting an ethnically and economically diverse learning environment that allows eligible students in our local communities access to higher education institutions such as San Diego State University (SDSU). Due to unprecedented budget cuts, SDSU has decreased their enrollment for the 2010-11 academic year by more than 4,500 students which will limit admission for students who reside within the local service area in order to maintain a ratio of half service area and half out-of-service area students on campus. The Board of Education is urging SDSU to reconsider the changes to their admissions policy:

WHEREAS, SDSU should restore its priority access to service area students for admission in the 2010-11 academic year; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Unified is making a concerted effort to prepare more of our students for a four year college upon graduation from high school and that in that effort we are moving towards an a-g default curriculum which would prepare all of our students to meet California State University (CSU) requirements; and

WHEREAS, The district is seeking to improve our teaching force by having it reflect the diversity of our student population through encouraging our own San Diego Unified students to go to a local college of education and then work as teachers in the neighborhoods where they have grown up; and

WHEREAS, the maintaining the SDSU service area advantage will increase the diversity of San Diego Unified students who are able to gain admission to SDSU and assist families with limited financial resources, including middle class families, who are unable to afford a four year college education if it entails paying living costs in another city, especially in an economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the local service area access policy breaks the bond between SDSU and the local community, including the school district and the business community at a time when the entire community and all educational institutions should work together to expand not limit educational opportunities for our young people who are so important to the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, it is unfair to high school seniors to change admission rules in the year they must submit college applications after three years of preparation for college; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District calls for immediate restoration of the local service area policy for current seniors, and that a careful review of other alternatives be completed to avoid eliminating this policy for future years.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at the regular meeting held on the 13th day of October 2009.

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