



CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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ERASE, REWRITE AND REAUTHORIZE “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND” (THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT)

WHEREAS, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, along with School Board members, administrators and parent groups, all agree that the federal education policy, known as "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB), needs to be reformed by erasing the portions of the law which are not working and are hurting our students, teachers and education support professionals; and

WHEREAS, the education community supports rewriting “NCLB” to include: multiple measures for student progress, funding to assist the schools and students of greatest need, an accountability model that looks at growth for improvement (as opposed to a snapshot based on one standardized test) and proven successful programs such as class-size reduction and quality teacher training; and

WHEREAS, the new Democratic majority in Congress was elected in no small part due to the voters’ belief that Democrats have the right agenda for our public schools, therefore Congress should reauthorize this law as rewritten and fully funded to focus more on targeting resources to help schools succeed and provide real reforms not just slogans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party supports the Erase, Rewrite, Reauthorize plan to reform NCLB to reflect increased funding, fair measures of improvement, replacement of the single measure testing with a multiple measure approach, assessments that include appropriate time and assistance for English Language Learners and Special Education students and proven programs such as small class sizes and teacher training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party communicate this position to the California Delegation in Congress.

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