

CONCERNED DUBLIN RESIDENT

Dublin, CA 94568

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Dear Governor Brown:

We are proud of our schools in Dublin. Our students are thriving. Over the last decade, we have improved the quality of our educational program and facilities and are now among the top districts in the state.

At the same time, Dublin schools have experienced unprecedented growth. Our student population has nearly doubled in size over the last decade. The rapid influx of new residents and the high quality of our schools is creating demand for up to 5,000 additional seats in the next decade. In buildings we don't have. On land we don't own.

Dublin finds itself in a difficult position. We are not receiving state funds for our facility's needs, yet are simultaneously prohibited from charging the highest level of developer fees. This has placed an unfair and unreasonable burden on Dublin schools and our community. Residents have strongly supported local school facilities with two general obligation bond measures, totaling \$283 million. Three additional schools are necessary, and in spite of our local efforts, we find ourselves in an untenable situation. We simply cannot meet our future needs under the current school facilities funding model.

We respectfully call on the State to take action to meet its constitutional responsibilities to school facilities funding, our students, and our community. Specifically, Governor Brown, we ask the following:

- Support the \$9 billion state bond measure that will be on the ballot in November.
- Support reform of SB50 (The Leroy R. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998) to give fast-growing districts and their municipalities more flexibility.
- Establish a Facilities Relief Target, akin to the Economic Recovery Target formula in LCFF. Help districts experiencing unusually high growth to build the necessary facilities to house students.

We have done the right things in Dublin. We have created strong schools and rallied community support. We have partnered with our City and reached agreements with developers within the constraints of the law. It is not enough. We need the state to do its part now to help us provide adequate facilities for our students.

Sincerely,

Concerned Dublin Resident

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