

RESOLUTION NO. 19/20-2

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL TO DETERMINE SCHOOL START TIMES

WHEREAS, under California's current system of education governance, most aspects of the operation of schools are determined by the locally elected governing board, including school start times. This system recognizes the diversity of communities, which differ in geography, size, and demographics; and

WHEREAS, proposed Senate Bill (SB) 328 would prohibit high schools from beginning their school day before 8:30 a.m. and prohibit middle schools from beginning their school day before 8:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 46100 requires the governing board of each school district to fix the length of the school day for grades and classes of the schools maintained by the district; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 46162 requires the governing board of a school district, before implementing an alternative schedule in any school of the district, to consult in good faith in an effort to reach agreement with the parents of pupils who would be affected by the change, with the certificated and classified employees of the school, and with the community at large, and requires the consultation to include at least one public hearing for which adequate notice has been provided to the parents of pupils affected and to the employees; and

WHEREAS, the William S. Hart Union High School District is committed to creating the best learning environment possible that benefits all students; and

WHEREAS, school schedules have a wide-ranging and significant impact on a variety of services and programs including transportation, before and after school programs, supervision, extracurricular activities, athletics, and community college classes; and

WHEREAS, a number of research studies over the last 15 years have examined adolescent sleep, with widely varying conclusions. Nearly every article related to school start times and adolescent sleep patterns includes a recommendation for additional research on this subject; and

WHEREAS, SB 328 raises important questions regarding the balance of state and local control; and

WHEREAS, the autonomy of local governing bodies would be fundamentally altered by this state statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the William S. Hart Union High School District is OPPOSED to Senate Bill 328 and believes decisions regarding school start times are best handled by local governing boards based on the unique needs of their students, families, and communities.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED, this 21st day of August, 2019.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WM. S.
HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Robert N. Jensen, Jr., President, Governing Board
William S. Hart Union High School District

ATTEST:

By: _____
Linda H. Storli, Clerk, Governing Board
William S. Hart Union High School District