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The Honorable José Luis Solache Jr.  
Member, California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1390 (Solache)—as Amended March 17, 2025**

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Solache:

On behalf of the Fresno Unified School District, I write in support of your Assembly Bill (AB) 1390, which proposes a much-needed adjustment to the compensation limits for governing board members of school districts and county boards of education.

AB 1390 recognizes that the responsibilities of school board members have expanded dramatically since compensation thresholds were last set in 1984. Trustees today are required to engage deeply in oversight, fiscal stewardship, community engagement, and the development of policies that shape the future of our schools. Despite these increasing demands, the compensation has remained stagnant for over four decades.

Fresno Unified School District, as one of California's largest districts, faces the same critical reality as districts statewide: the current limits make board service financially inaccessible to many capable community members, especially those from underrepresented and working-class backgrounds. AB 1390 provides for a recalibration of board compensation that aligns more closely with inflation-adjusted values and the realities of the modern governance role, proposing updated maximums (e.g., from \$1,500 to \$7,500 monthly for districts with average daily attendance over 60,000) while still allowing for local discretion in implementation.

This bill will not only help retain experienced and effective board members but also broaden the pool of candidates willing to serve. Thank you for authoring this measure.

Sincerely,

Mao Misty Her  
Superintendent

cc: Members and staff, Senate Education Committee