

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

In the Matter of Condemnation of _____)
Major Combat Operations in Iran and their) **RESOLUTION**
Harm to Students and Families _____)

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2026, the President of the United States initiated major military operations against the Islamic Republic of Iran, without Congressional Declaration of War (per Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the US Constitution) or Authorization of Use of Force (per the 1973 War Powers Resolution), without provocation or necessity of self-defense (per Article 51 of the UN Charter), and without authorization of the use of force by the UN Security Council (per Article 42 of the UN Charter); and

WHEREAS, per Count Two of the Judgement at Nuremberg, “War is essentially an evil thing. Its consequences are not confined to the belligerent states alone, but affect the whole world. To initiate a war of aggression, therefore, is not only an international crime; it is the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole”; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 24,000 children have been killed, many millions displaced, and millions suffered profound, enduring disruption in their education in the conflicts in the Middle East over the last 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the failure to distinguish between combatants and civilians, and between military objectives and civilian objects, and to strictly limit attacks to combatants and military objectives, is a clear violation of international humanitarian law (per Additional Protocol I (1977) of the Geneva Convention, Articles 48-54); and

WHEREAS, the use of AI in the targeting of munitions—and the corresponding reduction of human oversight, judgment, and decision-making in the ‘kill chain’—has introduced profound and unlegislated risks to civilian populations and, in particular, children; and

WHEREAS, the armed conflict in Iran has cost an estimated \$60 billion dollars to date in operations and munitions, and the Trump Administration plans to request \$200 billion from Congress in supplemental funding for ongoing operations in Iran and has proposed a \$1.5 trillion defense budget for 2027; and

WHEREAS, the maldistribution of scarce national resources to distant wars of choice diverts funding from infrastructure, health, science, and education, including the \$38 billion annual shortfall in federal funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz imposed by Iran in response to the American attacks has dramatically increased inflation and the risk of recession; and

WHEREAS, the rise in inflation has imposed additional economic strains on our students and their families, nearly two-thirds of whom are already economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, a recession would have devastating consequences not only for our students, staff, and their families, and for our graduates' post-secondary employment, but also on the District's ability to fund its essential services; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant, well-established relationship between war and the erosion of democratic norms and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian conflict exposes our District's military-affiliated families to overseas deployment, potential injury and fatality, and the associated detrimental impacts on their children, without meaningfully advancing the interests, values, and security of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego Unified School Board condemns the major offensive operations in Iran, strongly opposes any further military escalation, and demands immediate cessation of military operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on our Congressional representatives to bring to a vote and to deny the Authorization of Use of Force in Iran and, furthermore, to do everything in their power to bring an immediate end to combat operations in Iran and the negotiation and guarantee of a sustainable peace in the Middle East.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held this 28th day of April 2026.

President

Vice President

Member

Member

Member

Student Board Member

Student Board Member

Approved in public meeting of the Board of Education of
the San Diego Unified School District on _____.

Marty Stultz, Board Action Officer, Board of Education