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CUSD Opposes Revisions to the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act That Would Divert Dollars From Patient Care

COMPTON, Calif., — Compton Unified School District (CUSD) became the first local education agency, Tuesday, May 28, to take action by resolution to support and encourage the perseverance of the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA).

During its regularly scheduled board meeting, CUSD's Governing Board overwhelmingly took action in support of the resolution for the purpose of protecting access to healthcare and patient safety.

Board President Micah Ali advocated for the passage of the resolution by stating that "the Governing Board of the Compton Unified School District is taking an action that is the first of its kind for a school district by joining with labor organizations, healthcare professionals and government entities to oppose any legislation that would revise the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act to impede access for patients, increase healthcare costs, and divert healthcare dollars from patient care."

Significant support for the perseverance of MICRA has been mounting by a coalition of entities that include physicians, dentists, hospitals, community clinics, healthcare centers, nurses, emergency providers, firefighters, police officers, and local government agencies.

The passage of the resolution signifies the Governing Board's support to ensure that legislation is maintained to provide access to quality healthcare for the needs of families and stakeholders.

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