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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Chair
Assembly Education Committee
1020 N Street, Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via: Electronic Submittal: <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

Re: AB 1391 (Addis), as Amended March 24, 2025

Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

As a parent in San Luis Coastal Unified School District, I am writing to support Assembly Bill (AB) 1391 (Addis), which would provide *universal* funding for *Universal* Transitional Kindergarten (UTK).

Like many parents in districts that rely primarily on local property taxes rather than state funding, I have seen firsthand the difficult trade-offs our schools have been forced to make to implement Transitional Kindergarten (TK) without any additional funding. While we value the opportunity for our youngest learners to access an early start to their education, the current funding model has placed that opportunity in direct competition with vital existing programs.

Without new state resources, our district has had to stretch *existing funds* for *existing programs* to cover the new grade level. These budget choices don't just affect new TK students—they impact every child in our community's schools.

This inequity stems from the fact that although the state includes students in community-funded districts in its cost calculations for implementing UTK, the money generated by these students does not actually make its way to our schools. The Local Control Funding Formula does not provide any additional funding to districts like ours, even as our obligations grow.

AB 1391 addresses this critical oversight by creating a mechanism to provide community-funded districts with the same per-student UTK funding as our state-funded neighbor districts. It recognizes that every four-year-old deserves a strong, supported start—regardless of the funding structure of the district they live in.

I believe in the fair and equitable implementation of UTK. AB 1391 is necessary to achieve that and prevent further erosion of the programs and staff that serve all our students. On behalf of parents, families, and our children, I respectfully urge your support for AB 1391.

Thank you,

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cc: The Honorable Dawn Addis
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