## BSEP P&O Public Statement Draft 12-9-14

My name is (), and the BSEP P&O Committee has asked me to make the following statement on behalf of the committee, honoring the service of Chris Martin and Elisabeth Hensley, who are stepping down as co-chairs after many years of service.

As you know, we are fortunate to live in a community where, since 1986, we have supported our schools with a local tax fund, called the Berkeley Schools Excellence Program, or BSEP. Thanks to BSEP, we have smaller class sizes, along with libraries in every school, an amazing music program for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

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