

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

March 22, 2016

Resolution No. 2015-2016.63

Resolution in Support of the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016

Whereas, Proposition 30, passed in 2012, helped public education recover some of the funds it lost during the recession by allowing districts to hire more teachers, faculty, and education support professionals; brought additional books and supplies directly to the classroom; re-opened school libraries; and improved student access to community college courses, while at the same time helping stabilize California's budget; and

Whereas, California continues to lag far behind the rest of the country in education funding, ranking 46th in per-student spending, and budget forecasts show that unless we extend the tax on the wealthiest Californians, our schools and colleges will come up nearly \$5 billion short in the first year, and the state budget will face a nearly \$3 billion deficit; and

Whereas, our students cannot afford another round of drastic cuts resulting from \$5 billion less each year for lowering class sizes, providing a well-rounded education, supporting professional development, keeping school libraries open, and ensuring students have access to higher education; and

Whereas, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act, a proposed November 2016 ballot measure, is not a new tax but would instead temporarily extend the income tax rates already in place on the wealthiest Californians, affect the top 2% of earners in the state, and automatically expire after 12 years; and

Whereas, the measure is expected to raise \$8-11 billion a year that will go directly into a special fund supporting K-12 education and community colleges, which will in turn help the state maintain and fund critical resources for public education and other essential services like health care for low-income children and seniors, with up to \$2 billion a year going to health care for low-income children and their families; and

Whereas, like Proposition 30, this measure includes strict accountability provisions and will not permit any of the funds to go towards bureaucracy or administrative costs; funds will be subject to audit by the State Controller and will be used to help students by reducing class sizes, updating textbooks, hiring new teachers, and keeping tuition costs from skyrocketing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Alameda Unified School District supports the **Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016** as a balanced and responsible solution that continues the much needed investment in public education and other vital services our community wants and deserves.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 22 day of March, 2016:

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Solana Henneberry, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____
Sean McPhetridge, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District