

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

September 13, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-2017.19

Resolution in Support of Proposition 51
(Kindergarten through Community College Public Education
Facilities Bond Act of 2016)

WHEREAS, Article IX Section 5 of the California Constitution provides that public education is a State responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 28 states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

WHEREAS, the State has attempted to meet its constitutional responsibilities since 1982 by providing consistent State bond resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the State is out of school facility funds and cannot provide State funding for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda Unified School District's 2014 Facilities Master Plan identified approximately \$600,000,000 in District facility needs; and

WHEREAS, the despite the support of Alameda voters for the 2014 Measure I local facilities bond, the District's facilities needs outstrip its local bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, the District's identified facilities needs may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 51 - the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 - provides for renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to provide job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment¹; and

WHEREAS, these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and

¹ "Economic Analysis of the Impacts of Proposition 55 on the California Economy" Californians for Accountability and Better Schools (2003).

WHEREAS, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st Century school facilities designed for student needs of today and tomorrow enhance academic achievement and further the State's academic goals; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 51 - the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 - will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 51 - Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 - State matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Alameda Unified School District supports Proposition 51 - the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 13th day of September, 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