## ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Alameda, California Resolution

September 27, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-2017.24

## Resolution in Support of PROPOSITION 58, the LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition and Readiness Now) Initiative

WHEREAS, all California school children have the right to an equal opportunity to advance and excel in all subjects, including the opportunity to develop fluency and literacy in the English language, as well as other languages; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District believes that a world class, 21<sup>st</sup> Century education must ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn, read, communicate, compose, and think at a high level of sophistication in both English and in additional languages; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58, the California LEARN Initiative, is consistent with this governing board's dedication to improving student outcomes and the need to produce graduates with skills which prepare them for employment in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, California employers across all sectors, both public and private, are actively recruiting multilingual employees because of their ability to forge stronger bonds with customers, clients, and business partners; and

WHEREAS, passage of Proposition 58 will provide the District with more flexibility and greater educational options concerning the education of our students along with greater opportunity for our students to access innovative language programs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58 provides school districts greater local control in devising programs for their students to improve mastery of English and other languages; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association supports Proposition 58, the California LEARN Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58 was placed on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot as a result of bipartisan action by the California Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District supports Proposition 58, the California LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition and Readiness Now) Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to inform the California School Boards Association of the Board's support for the LEARN Initiative.

PASSED AND A	DOPTED by the following	vote this 27th day of September, 2016:
AYES:	MEMBERS:	
NOES:	MEMBERS:	
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	
ATTEST:		Solana Henneberry, President Board of Education Alameda Unified School District Alameda County, State of California
Secretary of the	lge, Superintendent Board of Education ed School District	