

CONTACT PERSON: Michael Johnston

FOR INFORMATION: July 22, 2015

FOR ACTION: August 12, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 3522 supporting an initiative to place a State school facility bond measure on the 2016 statewide ballot.

DISCUSSION:

The last State School Construction Bond was passed in 2006. Currently, the state construction bond funds are nearly exhausted.

The Californians for Quality Facilities, supported by the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.), and the Building Industry Association (BIA), have sponsored the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016. This Act is using the initiative process to place a State bond measure on the 2016 statewide ballot. The Act is a \$9 billion State school bond to clear out the multi-billion dollar backlog of construction projects already approved by local school boards that have qualified for State matching funds. In addition, the Act will continue the successful partnership between local school districts and the State School Facilities Program.

Clovis Unified is expected to receive over \$80 million in State school facility funding if this state facility bond is approved by voters.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

Additional revenues for facility projects as noted above.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Resolution No. 3522	7/15/2015	Backup Material

REVISIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 3522
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE TO PLACE
A STATE BOND ON THE 2016 STATE BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the California Constitution finds public education is a state responsibility in Article IX Section 4; and

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

WHEREAS, the state has previously met its constitutional responsibilities through the state funding match of the School Facility Program contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, the School Facility Program, if funded with state school bonds, provides for career technical education facilities to provide career technical job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

WHEREAS, the School Facility Program is out of funds and cannot provide the state match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

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

WHEREAS, these jobs include almost all building trades and the jobs will be in all parts of California; and

WHEREAS, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve education achievement for all students but does not include facilities proven to help ensure academic success; and

WHEREAS, academic goals cannot be achieved without 21st Century school facilities designed for instruction to meet today's and tomorrow's students' academic needs; and

WHEREAS, state school bonds do not raise state taxes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board finds and declares that it supports placing a new state school bond on the 2016 ballot to allow the citizens the opportunity to decide if the state partnership should be funded through a new State School Bond.

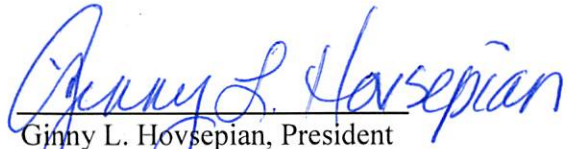
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was adopted by the Governing Board of the Clovis Unified School District of Fresno County, State of California, at a meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: 6

NOES: 1

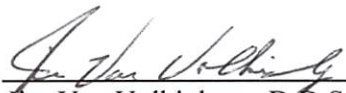
ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



Ginny L. Hovsepian, President
Governing Board
Clovis Unified School District
Fresno County, California

I, Jim Van Volkinburg, D.D.S., Clerk of the Governing Board of the Clovis Unified School District, County of Fresno, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is on file in the office of said Board.



Jim Van Volkinburg, D.D.S., Clerk
Governing Board
Clovis Unified School District
Fresno County, California