

Resolution No. 35, 2015-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTING
THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2016**

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

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

WHEREAS, the State has met 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 has exhausted school facility funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

WHEREAS, the Elk Grove Unified School District has \$1,670,000,000 in facility needs which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

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

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

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

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

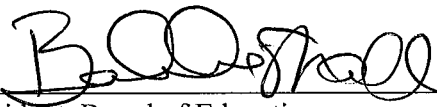
WHEREAS, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, the 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.

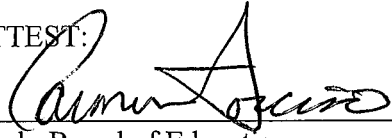
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elk Grove Unified School District supports the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the Elk Grove Unified School District at a meeting of the Board on February 2, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 7
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0



President, Board of Education
Elk Grove Unified School District

ATTEST:


Clerk, Board of Education
Elk Grove Unified School District

Agenda Item: **C.XII. Discussion/Action Items**

Agenda Item: **C.XII.1. Resolution to Support the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

Speaker: Robert Pierce

Recommended Motion: The Board of Education is requested to review and adopt Resolution No. 35, 2015-16 to support the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Rationale: On February 3, 2015 the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 38, 2014-15 supporting the placement of a state school bond on the 2016 ballot. Subsequent to that action and in the absence of appropriate action by the State of California, Californians for Quality Schools has successfully qualified a \$9 billion school bond initiative for the November 2016 ballot. The initiative came in the wake of the Governor abruptly halting AB 2235 co-authored by Assemblywoman Buchanan and 14 other legislators, which called for a K-12 facilities bond on the November 2014 ballot. AB 2235 had received unanimous bipartisan support from the Legislature.

Similar to 2015 the Governor's 2016 budget proposal unfortunately delayed any meaningful or significant plan of action regarding California's compounding K-12 facilities needs, despite the fact that State school facilities funding has been exhausted with approximately \$20 Billion in current and immediate future needs already identified.

The California Constitution requires the State to fund public education, which is constitutionally second in priority only to paying debt obligations. Adequate school facilities are critical in providing meaningful education and as such for over 3 decades State school facilities bonds have ensured that local school districts can meet the ever changing needs of education. Moving forward additional funding is absolutely critical in preparing students for the 21st Century.

As the fifth largest school district in the State, the Elk Grove Unified School has identified growth needs for an additional 38 elementary schools, 7 middle schools and 7 high schools. In addition our District is very diverse not only in terms of our demographics, but also in terms of the age of our school facilities. Therefore besides tremendous growth needs, our District has a significant number of aging facilities that require learning environment and technology upgrades to ensure that all of our students are provided with equitable 21st Century learning environments. In total the District's comprehensive Facilities Master Plan has identified nearly \$1.7 billion in capital needs over the course of the next decade. A State and local partnership will be absolutely critical in meeting the facilities needs of the District.

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 35, 2015-16 to support the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Financial Impact: Not Applicable.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 35 for November 2016 State School Bond