

19.f. Adoption of Resolution 2015-16:14 Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act

Recommended Motion:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 2015-16:14 Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Rationale:

The new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan do not provide dedicated facilities funding. California schools are in need of renovation and upgrade and the State is out of school facility funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law. This Facilities Bond will reduce the need for additional local property taxes and will not raise State taxes.

Comments:

Leona Smith / Jerri Munney

Attachments:

State Bond Resolution

Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

Resolution 2015-16:14

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

WHEREAS, the Lancaster School District has at least \$50 million in facility need 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 Lancaster School District supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Lancaster School District, Lancaster, California, on this 15th day of December 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0



Clerk

Governing Board, Lancaster School District