

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Resolution Declaring Support for a New State School Bond on the 2016 Ballot

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, county offices of education are a critical part of the education infrastructure, serving a diverse population of students that typically require specialized facilities, smaller classes, and additional support services; 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 educational achievement for all students but do not include facilities proven to help ensure academic success; and

WHEREAS, all students, including those served by county offices of education, deserve equal access to 21st century learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the state has played an important role in helping school districts to construct and modernize their facilities and make progress toward 21st century learning environments, with county offices of education receiving over \$1 billion funds under the School Facility Program; and

WHEREAS, there are currently in excess of \$246,250,861 dollars of new construction applications from Orange County school districts; and

WHEREAS, there are currently in excess of \$30,241,504 dollars of modernization applications from Orange County school districts; and

WHEREAS, county offices of education do not have the authority to issue local bonds and often lack local resources for facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Department of Education has Community School #9 in the unfunded pipeline as an identified financial hardship project of \$8,081,118 dollars; and

WHEREAS, state school bonds do not raise state taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange County Board of Education hereby 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.

AYES: Lindholm, Bedell, Boyd, Gomez

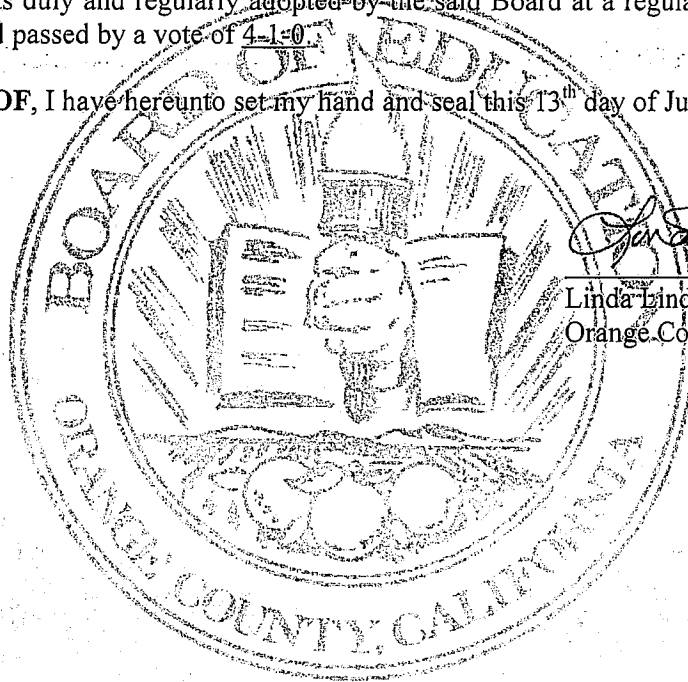
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ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

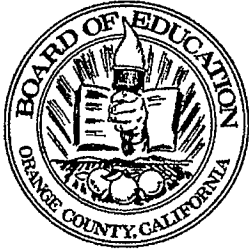
I, **Linda Lindholm**, President of the Board of Education of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July 2016 and passed by a vote of 4-1-0.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July 2016.



Linda Lindholm

Linda Lindholm, President
Orange County Board of Education



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LEGISLATIVE POSITION

Proposition 51: School Bonds, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities, Initiative Statutory Amendment

POSITION: Support Oppose

SUMMARY OF BILL

School Bonds, Funding for K-12 School and Community College Facilities, Initiative Statutory Amendment:

- Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds
- Bars amendment to existing authority to levy developer fees to fund school facilities, until new construction bond proceeds are spent or December 31, 2020, whichever is earlier
- Bars amendment to existing State Allocation Board process for allocating school construction funding, as to these bonds
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds

The proceeds from the \$9 billion in bonds proposed by this initiative would be stored in a 2016 State School Facilities Fund and a 2016 California Community College Capital Outlay Bond Fund. Proceeds would be allocated for the following purposes:

- \$3 billion for the construction of new school facilities
- \$1 billion charter schools and vocational education facilities
- \$3 billion for the modernization of school facilities
- \$2 billion for community college facilities

REASONS FOR BILL

Education is a matter of statewide concern, and California must prepare its students to compete in a global economy. This measure will ensure that California counties with growing student populations will have adequate classrooms. Proposition 51 will:

- Fund all projects on the true unfunded list
- Fund all eligible modernization projects on the acknowledged list
- Fund all eligible new construction projects on the acknowledged list
- Fund approved Community College projects
- Provide state matching funds for eligible local school bond funded projects from 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 to 2018
- Fund eligible career technical education facilities
- Fund eligible charter school facilities

I, **Linda Lindholm**, President of the Board of Education of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the foregoing Position was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July 2016 and passed by a 4-1-0 vote of said Board Members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the 13th day of July 2016.

Linda Lindholm, President
Orange County Board of Education