

Resolution #16-15
Rescue Union School District
Resolution in Support of PROPOSITION 51:
The Kindergarten through Community College Public Education
Facilities Bond Act of 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of California have, since 1982, consistently approved statewide school construction and modernization bond measures to provide resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

WHEREAS, state school construction and modernization bond funds are matched with funds provided by local communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the Rescue Union School District has over \$70,000,000 in facility need which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 51, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 provides resources 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 employers; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment¹; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 98 and the new Local Control Funding Formula 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 and economic goals; and

¹ Economic Analysis of the Impacts of Proposition 55 of the California Economy"/Californians for Accountability and Schools (Dr. J. Robert Fountain)

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will provide State matching funds;

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Rescue Union School District/County Board of Education supports Proposition 51, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Rescue Union School District on September 13, 2016.



Signature (Governing Board Secretary)



Date

Please forward a copy of the signed resolution to the California School Boards Association by emailing it to govrel@csba.org.