

BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RIPON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-08**

**Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

**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 Ripon Unified School District has multi-million in facility projects, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ripon Unified School District supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

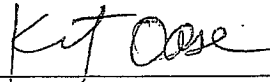
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Ripon Unified School District this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES: Fisher, Huskey, Oase, Orlando, Tyhurst

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



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Dr. Kit Oase, President  
Board of Education  
Ripon Unified School District