

TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOPIC: RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16/15 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2016

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2015

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As California faces a multi-billion dollar backlog in school and community college construction projects, a newly formed committee – Californians for Quality Schools – filed ballot initiative language with the State's Attorney General's Office to place a statewide school facilities bond on the November 2016 ballot. The last statewide school facilities bond was passed by California voters in 2006. The state's funding to provide matching dollars to school districts that have already raised local funds for school construction projects has been exhausted. If passed, the measure would provide \$9 billion in bonding authority to fund new construction, decaying classroom renovation, upgrades to classroom technology, computer systems, science labs, libraries and career education programs for elementary, secondary, and community college districts.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS

Temecula Valley Unified School District wants to demonstrate strong support of statewide school bonds for school facility funding. School bonds will give the district the opportunity to upgrade aging facilities to meet current health and safety standards, build new well-resourced facilities and create modern learning environments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve and support the Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

Submitted by:

Dr. Allen Pulsipher, Governing Board President, Temecula Valley Unified School District

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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 Temecula Valley Unified School District has over \$300 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 Temecula Valley Unified School District supports the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

PASSED THIS 8th day of December, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Governing Board of the Temecula Valley Unified School District a meeting thereof held on the 8th day of December, 2015 and that same now appears of record in the Office of the Superintendent.



Timothy Ritter, Superintendent