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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Regarding Support of
Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade
12 School and Local Community College
Public Education Facilities Modernization,
Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 39

WHEREAS, pursuant to Superintendent and Board Policy No. 1160 – Political Processes, the Fresno County Board of Education may study the potential effect of proposed or qualified ballot measures on public schools and, after such study, may adopt resolutions in support of or in opposition to ballot measures of importance to education; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 School and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, is a statewide bond measure which will appear on the November 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, California's public school system serves 5.8 million students in approximately 10,500 schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution declares public education is a state responsibility in Article IX Section 5; and

WHEREAS, the state is out of school facility program funds and cannot provide its match for almost \$3.5 billion in local projects that qualify for state aid; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, the Kindergarten through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, would provide funding for the renovation of aging schools; upgrade of existing classrooms; construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth; career technical education facilities to provide job training to meet the workforce needs of California employers; testing and remediation of lead levels in water at school sites; disaster assistance; replacement of 75-year-old buildings, adding essential facilities like libraries and multipurpose rooms; mitigating the effects of higher average temperatures; and assistance for small and low-wealth school districts; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that the physical school environment has a tremendous impact on student health as well as academic performance, behavior, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, old buildings that haven't been well-maintained or modernized create poor conditions for teaching and learning and can lead to impaired cognitive function, increased absenteeism, higher dropout rates, and more incidents of asthma and allergies; and

WHEREAS, California students require facilities that meet the demands of a contemporary education; provide safe, secure, and healthy environments with modern technology; hands-on learning and career-tech opportunities; proper ventilation; and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, funding for the state's school facilities program is exhausted, leaving no system of support for local educational agencies seeking to reinvigorate or improve old facilities or to build new ones; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, will not raise state taxes, but will enhance public accountability and transparency for the use of its proceeds, and will provide matching funds that will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education supports Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, to provide much-needed funding for school modernization and new construction to provide students with facilities that promote academic achievement, well-being and preparation for college, career, and civic life.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of October 17, 2024 by the following votes:


President James Martinez:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>


James Martinez, President

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By: _____


Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: _____

10/17/24