



RESOLUTION #20-01

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, K-12, AND COLLEGE HEALTH & SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2020, ASSEMBLY BILL 48

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environments that support personal well-being and academic success; and

WHEREAS, the school bond funds help schools provide safe facilities that offer learning opportunities required for a high-quality 21st-century education; and

WHEREAS, normal wear and tear and new technologies have rendered a substantial number of California's classrooms insufficient to meet the 21st-century educational needs of students and provide environmental efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the **Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020**, provides resources for the renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, for campuses that increase student and staff safety, for classrooms and laboratories that enhance teaching and learning, for the construction and expansion of schools to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to improve job and career training; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide state matching funds that are prioritized for schools with pressing health & safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will help ensure clean drinking water for our students through testing and remediation of lead levels in water at school sites; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide additional funding for energy efficiency, earthquake safety, removal of hazardous materials, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide a fair and equitable distribution of funds to schools where they are

most needed and provide specific assistance to small school districts throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has committed funds from all previous bond measures and is currently facing an increasing backlog of unfunded needs; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will appear on the March 5, 2020 ballot and become operative only if approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide \$15 billion for facilities at the state's preschools, K-12 schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities; and

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

WHEREAS, Proposition 98 and the Local Control Funding Formula, which provide general fund operational revenues for schools, do not provide facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st-century school facilities designed to meet student need enhance academic achievement and further the state's scholastic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, investments in modern school facilities are investments in our youth, our communities, our economy, and our shared future; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association and a large public-private coalition support the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020;

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education supports the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 on the March 3, 2020 California statewide ballot.

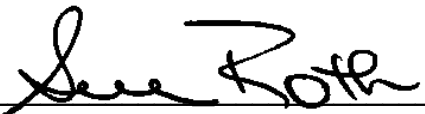
PASSED AND ADOPTED January 16, 2020:

Ayes: **Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen, Roth**

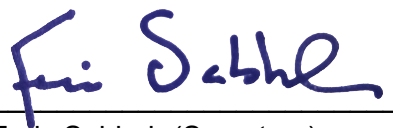
Naes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None



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Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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