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RESOLUTION #21-31 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 75, KINDERGARTEN-COMMUNITY COLLEGES PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2022

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education ("COE") is committed to providing a quality education to our students and preparing them to succeed in today's global economy; and

WHEREAS, replacing, upgrading and/or building new classrooms and facilities is expensive and state school bond funds provide the opportunity for Local Education Agencies to build safe, welcoming, and modern classrooms that offer the learning opportunities required for a high-quality 21st century education; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 75, as currently written, authorizes the Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act of 2022), providing funding for renovation and improvements of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms and school facilities, upgrades for HVAC and clean air filters; and

WHEREAS, new bond funds will expand Career Technical Education facilities to improve job and career training, provide funds to meet new needs related to COVID-19, assistance for small school districts; Charter School Facilities, and interim housing to assist Districts and County Offices of Education impacted by natural disasters.

WHEREAS, the COE supports the School Facility Program retaining date order funding for all projects on the Wait List; and

WHEREAS, the passage of a new State Facility Bond will create jobs throughout California, including careers within the building trades; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has committed funds from all previous bond measures and is currently facing an increasing backlog of unfunded needs, currently at over \$3 billion dollars; and Resolution #21-31 Resolution In Support Of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act Of 2022 Santa Cruz County Board of Education December 16, 2021

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 75, the Bond Act of 2022, will not raise individual local property taxes, while at the same time reduces the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities, and

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Board President Santa Cruz County Board of Education

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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools