



RESOLUTION #24-31

IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2: *KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES MODERNIZATION, REPAIR, AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2024*

WHEREAS, the California Constitution finds 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 the State match for almost \$3.5 billion in projects which qualify for state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has facility needs which may be partially funded by State bonds; 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*, provides for 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, school districts need state financial support to implement new mandates and initiatives such as universal Transitional Kindergarten, Expanded Learning, on-site cooking and meal preparation, later secondary school start times, and solar power generation and storage; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st Century school facilities designed for today's and tomorrow's students enhance academic achievement and further the State's academic goals; 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

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WHEREAS, the Local Control Funding Formula provides funding for educational services for all students, but does not provide dedicated facilities funding; 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* will not raise State taxes; 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* enhances public accountability and transparency for the use of its proceeds; 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* State matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz 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*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 15th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes: Estrada, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Nichols



Sue Roth
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools