

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

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2445-3

WHEREAS, the California Constitution establishes that public education is a State responsibility in Article IX, Section 5; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, unlike most states, lacks a permanent funding stream dedicated to the repair and maintenance of school facilities, necessitating a reliance on one-time state and local bonds for new funds; and

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

WHEREAS, the California State Auditor, [in a 2022 report](#), estimated that \$7.4 billion is required over the next five years to address existing and projected school facility needs; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has \$90,722,328 in projected facility needs by 2028, which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, [30 percent](#) of California school facilities were constructed more than 50 years ago, and 10 percent were constructed more than 70 years ago; and

WHEREAS, in the 2018-2019 academic year, [38 percent](#) of California students attended school facilities that failed to meet minimum facility standards; 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 \$8.5 billion for the renovation and modernization of TK-12 school facilities, upgrading of existing classrooms, constructing 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, 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 may reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities; and

WHEREAS, students who attend school facilities in good condition [have been shown](#) to generally have higher academic achievement, increased attendance, and fewer suspensions; and

WHEREAS, literacy and academic achievement is a 2024 priority for the Santa Clara County Board of Education; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools strongly support 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 Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on August 7, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

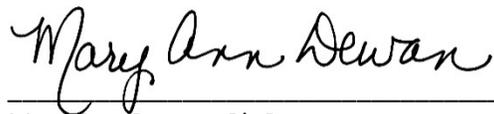
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools