

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST  
BALLOT MEASURE**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2254-1**

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life of our students is critical to our economic future, our cities are the front line in providing streets that are clean and safe, emergency services we can count on, parks and recreational programs that keep children engaged, adequate housing that provides a sense of security, and a school system that makes children and their education a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, California has the fifth largest economy in the world, it falls short in providing adequate funding to services that support our children, ranking 41<sup>st</sup> in the nation on education spending according to the Governor Gavin Newsom's office; and

**WHEREAS**, California's funding shortfalls has direct consequences for our children: last in the nation in teacher-to-student ratios, last in guidance counselor to student ratios, and last in librarian-to-student ratios; and

**WHEREAS**, property taxes on commercial and industrial properties are a principal source of funding for our schools and local communities. While other states assess commercial and industrial property based on its fair market value, California allows commercial and industrial property taxes to go many years, even decades, without reassessment; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study by the University of Southern California has found that under-assessed commercial and industrial property allows owners to avoid nearly \$12 billion in property taxes each year that should be going to support our schools and local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of the Schools & Communities First Ballot Measure would preserve most of Proposition 13, including the 1 percent property tax cap, and would maintain the current property tax structure for homeowners and small business owners, while assessing large corporations at fair market value; and

**WHEREAS**, a large coalition of educational and community stakeholders, including the League of Women Voters, California Federation of Teachers, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, SOMOS Mayfair, and the San José Teachers Association, have already endorsed the Schools & Communities First Ballot Measure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent declares their support for the Schools & Communities First Ballot Measure. Schools & Communities First ensures that our schools and communities come first – with the resources to better educate all of our students and provide services to support our families.

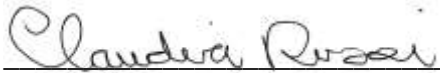
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on December 11, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, May, Ortiz and Song

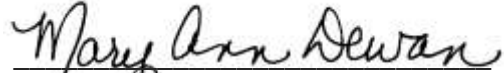
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi  
Claudia Rossi, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan  
Dr. Mary Ann Dewan  
County Superintendent of Schools