

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY BILL 75 SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2291-2

WHEREAS, California faces an increasing backlog of unfunded school modernization and construction projects as funds from previous bonds are currently reserved. The backlog currently totals more than \$3 billion dollars. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) created a waiting list for modernization and new construction project applications.; and

WHEREAS, as a result of more than \$3 billion worth of school modernization and construction projects awaiting matching funds, California voters will see the Kindergarten-Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act of 2022) on the ballot in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act of 2022 originates from Assembly Bill 75 (AB 75), which would authorize funding for renovation and improvements of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms and school facilities, upgrades for HVAC systems and clean air filters, expansion of career technical education facilities to improve job and career training, charter school facilities, assistance for small school districts, and interim housing to help districts impacted by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, if passed by voters, the Bond Act of 2022 would provide \$12 billion to modernize and construct education facilities as a statewide general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Bond Act of 2022 would create jobs throughout California, including careers within the building trades; and

WHEREAS, publicly funded construction projects can include provisions for wage equity and wage protection; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) advocates for the provision of a high quality education that prepares students to succeed today and in the future with modern learning environments and the latest instructional resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) and County Superintendent of Schools support Assembly Bill 75, the Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 in its current form as drafted and published on May 24, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on December 15, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: President Rossi, Vice President Ortiz and Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Kamei, Sreekrishnan and Mah

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: none

Claudia Rossi, President

Santa Clara County Board of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools