

**DAVIS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-18**

**SUPPORT ACCELERATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSITION 51 SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Article IX Section 5 of the California Constitution finds public education is a State responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 28 of the California Constitution states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the State of California have, since 1982, consistently approved statewide school construction and modernization bond measures to provide resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2016, voters of California passed Proposition 51 that authorized the State of California to sell \$9 billion worth of statewide school facilities bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, state school construction and modernization bond funds, as authorized by Proposition 51, are matched with funds provided by local communities through the passage of local bonds and developers fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is facing a more than \$2.5 billion backlog in project applications filed by school districts seeking matching state bond funds under current law; and

**WHEREAS**, many school districts filed their school facility grant fund applications back in 2012 and are still waiting on state funding to pay for school construction projects; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates place projected State-wide K-14 school facility needs between \$20 and \$60 billion over the next ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Davis Joint School District is eligible for \$11,192,475 in state matching grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been 15 months since voters approved Proposition 51, the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016, and the State of California has only sold approximately \$600 million of the \$9 billion in authorized Proposition 51 funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this current pace of school bond sales does not meet the outstanding facilities needs of school districts across the state and could deprive another generation of students access to safe school campuses that are built to meet their academic need; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of more than 90% of previous statewide school bond funds were committed within four (4) years of the measure's passage; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts face rising construction costs the longer the state delays appropriately-sized bond sales, which forces school districts and taxpayers to pay more for less; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 98 and the new Local Control Funding Formula are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that quality school facilities have a positive impact on student academic performance, attendance and teacher job satisfaction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the District Board hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

- I. All of the recitals set forth above are true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.
- II. The Board hereby finds and determines the acceleration of Proposition 51 bond sales so that school districts receive the resources voters promised to adequately serve students, families and their communities; to be in the best interest of the District.
- III. That the District's Governing Board hereby calls on the State of California to accelerate the pace and scale of Proposition 51 school bond sales in 2018 to honor the will of California voters.
- IV. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District this 1st day of March 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, President of Governing Board of the Davis Joint Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by said Board at a regularly scheduled and conducted meeting held on said date, which Resolution is on file in the office of said Board.