

**Resolution #17-011 to Support PROPOSITION 55:  
The California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Education is committed to making policy and financial decisions that enable the school district to provide quality educational programs and services to the school-age children of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, during the recent recession, the state cut more than \$56 billion from education, healthcare and other critical services; and public schools statewide experienced unprecedented funding reductions and apportionment deferrals; and

**WHEREAS**, California public schools rank 42nd out of the 50 states in per-pupil spending; California public schools are the most crowded in the nation; and California provides fewer guidance counselors and librarians per student than any other state in the nation;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, many of California's schoolchildren come from low-income families that lack access to the health care services needed to keep those children in school and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 helped increase state revenues, providing a significant boost to California's K-12 school spending and sending funds directly to school districts through the Education Protection Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenues from Proposition 30 will decline after 2016 and will disappear completely after 2018, the last year its provisions will be in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 55, the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 would extend the Proposition 30 temporary income tax rates for an additional 12 years, to continue funding the Education Protection Account and boost spending on health care for low income families; and

**WHEREAS**, unless Californians extend the Proposition 30 temporary tax increases, the state's schools most likely will receive relatively fewer dollars in the years ahead, raising the prospect that California's school spending will fall even further behind the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the California School Boards Association supports Proposition 55, the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016; and

**RESOLVED** that the Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Education joins the California School Boards Association and governing boards around the state in supporting Proposition 55, the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 and in urging the

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Legislature to work with the public education community to identify stable, long-term, adequate funding solutions for public schools.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Education on October 25, 2016.

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Signature (Governing Board Secretary)

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Date