



RESOLUTION 2017.19

The Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 YES on Proposition 55

Whereas, In 2012 Proposition 30 was passed and enabled public education to recover some funding that was lost during the Great Recession, which afforded districts the opportunity to hire teachers, staff and education support professionals whose services were greatly needed as a result of the layoffs and cuts that had occurred from 2008-2012; and

Whereas, Proposition 30 afforded school districts the ability to purchase books and supplies for student learning; re-opened school libraries; and improved student access to community college courses, while at the same time helped to stabilize California's budget; and

Whereas, California continues to lag far behind the rest of the country in education funding, ranking 46th in per-student spending. Governor Brown's 2016-17 budget forecasts show that unless we extend the tax on the wealthiest Californians, our schools and colleges will come up \$4 billion short in the first year, and the state budget will face a nearly \$4 billion deficit; and

Whereas, Our students cannot afford another round of drastic cuts that would mean less money each year for lowering class sizes, providing a well-rounded education, supporting professional development, keeping school libraries open, and ensuring students have access to higher education; and

Whereas, Proposition 55, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act is not a tax increase, but maintains the current income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians and only affects the top 2% of earners in the state and will automatically expire after 12 years; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 is expected to raise \$8-11 billion a year that will go directly into a special fund that supports K-12 schools and community colleges. By helping the state maintain and fund critical resources for public education, the measure will provide funding for other essential services such as health care for low-income children and seniors; and

Whereas, Proposition 55 includes strict accountability provisions and will not permit any of the funds to go towards bureaucracy or administrative costs. The funds will be used to help students by reducing class sizes, updating texts and educational resources, hiring additional educators, and keeping tuition costs from rapidly increasing. The funds are subject to audits by the State Controller; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Milpitas Unified School District Board of Education supports Proposition 55, the **Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016**, as a balanced and responsible solution that continues the much needed investment in public education and other vital services our community wants and deserves.

ADOPTED by the following vote this 27th day of September, 2016

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Daniel Bobay, Clerk
Milpitas Unified School District
Santa Clara County, State of CA