

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Resolution 17-005 in Support of the Language Education, Acquisition, and**  
**Readiness Now (LEARN) Initiative**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education for the Berkeley Unified School District believes that a world class, 21<sup>st</sup> Century education must provide every student with the highest quality education, including effective language acquisition programs ensuring all pupils become English proficient and encouraging all students, including English speaking students, to learn a second language.

**WHEREAS**, California employers across all sectors, both public and private, are actively recruiting multilingual employee because of their ability to forge stronger bonds with customers, clients and business partners.

**WHEREAS**, all California school children have the right to an equal opportunity to advance and excel in all subjects, including the opportunity to develop fluency and literacy in the English language.

**WHEREAS**, Passage of Proposition 58 will provide all school district stakeholders with more flexibility and greater choices concerning the education of all students and the greater opportunity for all students to access innovative language programs.

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 58 was placed on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot as a result of bipartisan action by the legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, proposition 58 gives school districts greater local control in devising programs for their students to improve their mastery of English as well as of one or more languages in addition to English.

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 58 is consistent with our dedication to improving student outcomes and our policy to produce graduates with the skills which prepare them for college and a career in our 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District endorses and supports the passage of Proposition 58 on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016

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Judy Appel, Clerk  
Board of Education