

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution 17-006 in Support of Proposition 55 – The California
Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016

WHEREAS, the Berkeley 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.

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

WHEREAS, California public schools ranked 42nd out of 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.

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

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

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.

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.

WHEREAS, the California School Board Association supports Proposition 55, the California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District joins the California School Board 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 Legislature to work with the public education community to identify stable, long-term, adequate funding solutions for public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education, supports the passage of Proposition 55, the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 because it provides needed revenue to public schools.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 24th day of August, 2016

Judy Appel, Clerk
Board of Education