

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 14 – 2016/2017

IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 55: THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

WHEREAS, The Novato 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, and

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, 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

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition 55 will secure the resources necessary to preserve quality educational programs for ALL students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Novato 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 Legislature to work with the public education community to identify stable, long-term, adequate funding solutions for public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body, the Novato 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this November 1, 2016, at the regular meeting of the Novato Unified School District Board of Education.

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

DEREK KNELL, President
Novato Unified School District
Board of Education

Attest: _____
TOM COOPER, Vice President/Clerk
Novato Unified School District
Board of Education