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To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Preston Thomas, Chief Systems and Services Officer
Kenya Chatman, Executive Director of Facilities.
Marc White, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Meeting Date October 9, 2024

Subject Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

Ask of the Board The Board is asked to approve the resolution supporting Proposition 2, which would secure state matching funds for critical school facility improvements, ensuring modern, safe, and sustainable learning environments for all OUSD students.

Background Proposition 2 has been proposed to provide state-matching funds for critical school facility projects across California. This comes at a time when the state's School Facility Program has exhausted its funding, leaving nearly \$3.5 billion in unmet needs statewide. Within Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), the situation is equally dire, with more than \$3.4 billion in facility needs, including aging infrastructure, outdated HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, and facilities that no longer meet modern health and environmental standards. With a robust Oakland voter-supported Measure Y Bond Program, State Bond propositions complement the program and provide more resources to OUSD students.

Discussion Supporting Proposition 2 is not only a matter of upgrading school facilities; it's an investment in the future of Oakland's students and the broader community. This initiative addresses critical infrastructure, health, safety, and environmental issues while fostering academic success and economic growth without raising state taxes. Given the severe facility needs within OUSD and the financial advantages Proposition 2 offers, the Board's support of the initiative would ensure that our schools are safe, modern, and sustainable environments for all students.

Fiscal Impact Proposition 2 offers significant financial advantages by providing state matching funds without raising state taxes, making it a fiscally responsible solution for modernizing OUSD's aging facilities. By reducing the need for additional local

property taxes, the proposition alleviates the financial burden on the community while addressing urgent infrastructure needs. Additionally, Proposition 2 will stimulate the local economy by creating jobs. It is projected statewide for every \$1 billion invested in school infrastructure projects across 13,000 middle-class jobs, benefiting local workers and supporting the state's building trades industry. In Oakland, that will be concentrated based on the District's Local Business Policy.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution 2425-0126 Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 2425-0126

Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

WHEREAS, the California Constitution finds public education is a State responsibility in Article IX Section 5; and

WHEREAS, the State is out of school facility program funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$3.5 billion in projects which qualify for state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District has over \$3.4 billion in facility need which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, many of the District's school buildings have aging infrastructure, including outdated or non-existent HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems, which may no longer meet modern safety, efficiency, and environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, the condition of these critical building systems can significantly impact the learning environment, student health, and operational efficiency, creating an urgent need for repairs, replacements, and modernization; and.

WHEREAS, 87 of the District's school facilities were constructed before the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was amended in 1986 and prohibited the use of lead pipes, solder, and flux in public water systems and drinking water plumbing in school facilities, and as such our facilities contain outdated plumbing systems that could pose risks to the quality of drinking water available to students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to ensuring that all students have access to clean, safe drinking water in alignment with modern health and Oakland Unified School District; stringent water safety standards outlined in Board Policy 3511.3 Clean Water Policy; and

WHEREAS, the District has committed to ambitious electrification and sustainability goals as outlined in the Res 20-0081 Climate Emergency Action Resolution, necessitating the transition from fossil fuel-based energy systems to cleaner, electric-powered alternatives in school facilities; and

WHEREAS, upgrading and retrofitting existing infrastructure to align with these electrification goals is essential to reduce the District's carbon footprint, improve energy efficiency, and support long-term environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024, provides for renovation of aging schools, upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, Career Technical Education facilities to provide job training to meet the workforce needs of California

employers, testing and remediation of lead levels in water at school sites, disaster assistance, replacement of 75-year-old buildings, adding essential facilities like libraries and multipurpose rooms, mitigating the effects of higher average temperatures, and assistance for small and low-wealth school districts; and

WHEREAS, school districts need state financial support to implement new mandates and initiatives such as universal Transitional Kindergarten, Expanded Learning, on-site cooking and meal preparation, later secondary school start times, and solar power generation and storage; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st Century school facilities designed for today's and tomorrow's students enhance academic achievement and further the State's academic goals; and

WHEREAS, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and

WHEREAS, the Local Control Funding Formula provides funding for educational services for all students, but does not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 enhances public accountability and transparency for the use of its proceeds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 State matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oakland Unified School District supports Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 9th Day of October 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NAY: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTAINED: Michele Vasquez - Student Director, Maximus Simmons - Student Director

AYES: Jennifer Brouhard, VanCedric Williams, Jorge Lerma, Valarie Bachelor, Clifford Thompson, Vice President Mike Hutchinson, President Benjamin Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

: CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on October 9, 2024.

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Benjamin Davis
President, Board of Education



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Kyla Johnson Trammell
Secretary, Board of Education