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To Board of Education

From Jennifer Brouhard, President
Valerie Bachelor, Vice President

Meeting Date September 24, 2025

Subject Protecting Public Education by Supporting Proposition 50
Resolution No. 2526-0180

Board Action

Approval by the Board of Education to endorse and support Proposition 50 in the November elections.

Background & Discussion

Proposition 50 directly impacts schools. Since January 2025, nationally elected officials have consistently attacked public education by first proposing cuts to Title 1, school lunches, and after-school programs, and then later reinstating some of those funds, making it very difficult for public school districts to plan their budgets. This is a Congress that has also heavily funded a voucher system, which will benefit wealthy families. We need a Congress that will stand up for public school students, families, and educators. Proposition 50 will do this.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact

Attachment(s)

- Resolution- No. 2526-0180

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

Resolution No. 2526-0180

Protecting Public Education by Supporting Proposition 50

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is committed to providing every student with a well-rounded, rigorous, and joyful education that prepares them to thrive in school, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, students can only succeed when their basic needs are met, including access to nutritious meals, safe and stable learning environments, health and mental health supports, and the freedom to express their identities without fear of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, recent federal actions have adversely impacted public education, including efforts to eliminate the Department of Education, attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), increased immigration enforcement, and threats to education funding; and

WHEREAS, these recent federal actions have created fear, instability, and barriers to student learning due to fiscal instability and the ongoing threat of immigration enforcement at or near schools, resulting in the need for educators and school leaders to dedicate time and resources to prepare and inform students and families about their rights at the cost of focusing on academics and student wellness; and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, the White House rescinded protections against immigration enforcement at sensitive locations, such as schools; and Congress has since expanded funding for immigration enforcement activities, resulting in increased enforcement incidents near school campuses, around the country, and in California; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, Congress approved the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", which slashed Medi-Cal and CalFresh, stripping Oaklanders of healthcare and food assistance, while simultaneously diverting taxpayer dollars to private school vouchers; and

WHEREAS, these cuts will have cascading impacts on vulnerable students, as Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility are used to determine access to other critical programs, including the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, the federal administration has canceled hundreds of millions of dollars in multiple education grants to support the recruitment and retention of a highly qualified, diverse educator workforce; and

WHEREAS, the federal administration also froze more than \$6 billion in previously appropriated education funding just weeks before the start of the school year, destabilizing school district budgets and jeopardizing essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the President has proposed to cut education funding by 15%, including the elimination and block-granting of many education programs for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the House Appropriations Committee is proposing to cut federal education funding by 15%, including a 27% reduction to Title I, which supports low-income students for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, these escalating threats to public education compound longstanding underfunding of critical federal education programs, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Impact Aid, leaving schools under-resourced to meet the needs of students with disabilities, black students, newcomers, and English language learners, and other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, in response to partisan redistricting efforts in other states, the California Legislature introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8, known as the "Election Rigging Response Act," to place Proposition 50 on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 will shape California's congressional representation and its ability to defend public education and secure the critical resources students need during a time of heightened federal threats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education strongly supports Proposition 50 as a necessary measure to protect public education, defend vulnerable students, and ensure California has a strong voice in Congress to advocate for the needs of schools and communities.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

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 8, 2025

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