

MDUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 19/20 – 34

In Support of Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety
Bond Act of 2020 - Assembly Bill 48 (O'donnell, Glazer)

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, and stimulating learning environments that support personal well-being and academic success; and

WHEREAS, school bond funds help schools provide safe facilities that offer the learning opportunities required for a high-quality 21st-century education; and

WHEREAS, normal wear and tear and new technologies have rendered a substantial number of California's classrooms insufficient to meet the 21st-century educational needs of students and provide environmental efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 provides resources for the renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, for campuses that increase student and staff safety, for classrooms and laboratories that enhance teaching and learning, for the construction and expansion of schools to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to improve job and career training; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide state matching funds that are prioritized for schools with pressing health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide career technical education facilities for job training to meet the workforce needs of California's employers and help ensure successful futures for our state's students; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will help ensure clean drinking water for our students through testing and remediation of lead levels in water at school sites; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide disaster assistance in times of critical need; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide additional funding for energy efficiency, earthquake safety, removal of hazardous materials, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide a fair and equitable distribution of funds to schools where they are most needed and provide specific assistance to small school districts throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has committed funds from all previous bond measures and is currently facing an increasing backlog of unfunded needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Diablo Unified School District has 1.3 billion dollars in facility needs which may be partially funded by state bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 13 Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will appear on the March 3, 2020 ballot and become operative only if approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 will provide \$15 billion for facilities at the state's preschools, K-12 schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities; and

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

WHEREAS, Proposition 98 and the Local Control Funding Formula, which provide general fund operational revenues for schools, do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

WHEREAS, quality 21st-century school facilities designed to meet student need enhance academic achievement and further the state's scholastic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, investments in modern school facilities are investments in our youth, our communities, our economy, and our shared future; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association and a large public-private coalition supports the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Diablo Unified School District Board of Education supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, on the March 3, 2020 statewide ballot.

¹ "Accelerating Job Creation in California Through Infrastructure Investment," Bay Area Council Economic Institute, 2012

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Date Signed

Adopted by the Governing Board on 01/27/2020.

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Secretary to the Board