

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**Resolution Declaring Support for a New State School Bond on the 2016 Ballot**

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

**WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 28 states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

**WHEREAS**, county offices of education are a critical part of the education infrastructure, serving a diverse population of students that typically require specialized facilities, smaller classes, and additional support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has previously met its constitutional responsibilities through the state funding match of the School Facility Program contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the School Facility Program, if funded with state school bonds, provides for career technical education facilities to provide career technical job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California's employers; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Facility Program is out of funds and cannot provide the state match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

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

**WHEREAS**, these jobs include almost all building trades and the jobs will be in all parts of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not include facilities proven to help ensure academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, all students, including those served by county offices of education, deserve equal access to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has played an important role in helping school districts to construct and modernize their facilities and make progress toward 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments, with county offices of education receiving over \$1 billion funds under the School Facility Program; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently in excess of \$246,250,861 dollars of new construction applications from Orange County school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently in excess of \$30,241,504 dollars of modernization applications from Orange County school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, county offices of education do not have the authority to issue local bonds and often lack local resources for facilities funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Department of Education has Community School #9 in the unfunded pipeline as an identified financial hardship project of \$8,081,118 dollars; and



**WHEREAS**, state school bonds do not raise state taxes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Orange County Board of Education hereby finds and declares that it supports placing a new state school bond on the 2016 ballot to allow the citizens the opportunity to decide if the state partnership should be funded through a new state school bond.

**AYES:** Lindholm, Bedell, Boyd, Gomez

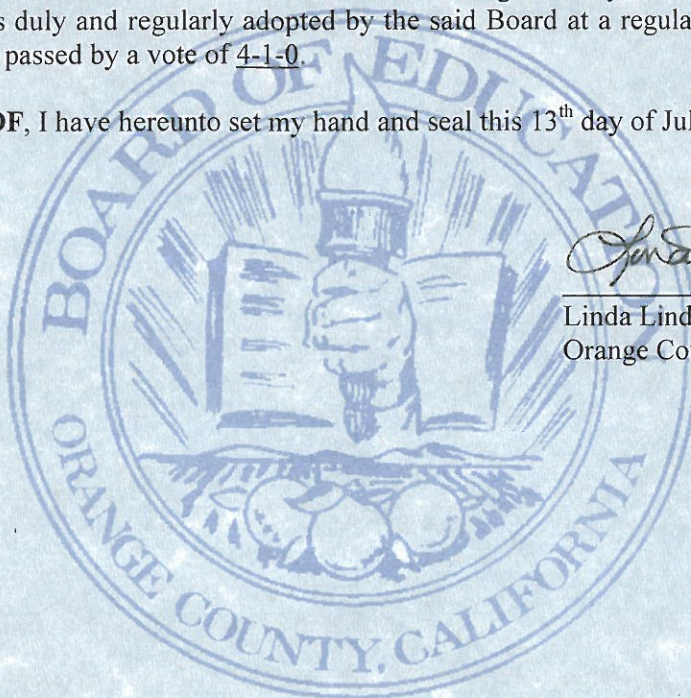
**NOES:** Williams

**ABSENT:** 0

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OR ORANGE**

I, **Linda Lindholm**, President of the Board of Education of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016 and passed by a vote of 4-1-0.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.



Linda Lindholm, President  
Orange County Board of Education