



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.1

Meeting Date: August 18, 2016

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2899: Supporting Proposition 55, Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2899: Resolution in Support of Proposition 55, The Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016

Background/Rationale: Proposition 30 was passed in 2012 to help public education recover some of the funds lost during the recession by allowing districts to hire more teachers, faculty, and education support professionals; brought additional books and supplies directly to the classroom; reopened school libraries; and improved student access to community college courses, while at the same time helping to stabilize California's budget. Proposition 55, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act is not a tax increase, but extends the current income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians and only affects the top 2% of earners in the state. It will automatically expire after 12 years.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 2899

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Board President Christina Pritchett

Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2899

The Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016

WHEREAS, Proposition 30, passed in 2012, helped public education recover some of the funds it lost during the recession by allowing districts to hire more teachers, faculty and education support professionals; brought additional books and supplies directly to the classroom; re-opened school libraries; and improved student access to community college courses, while at the same time helped to stabilize California's budget; and

WHEREAS, California continues to lag far behind the rest of the country in education funding, ranking 46th in per-student spending. Governor Brown's 2016-17 budget forecasts show that unless we extend the tax on the wealthiest Californians, our schools and colleges will come up \$4 billion short in the first year, and the state budget will face a nearly \$4 billion deficit.; and

WHEREAS, our students cannot afford another round of drastic cuts that would mean less money each year for lowering class sizes, providing a well-rounded education, supporting professional development, keeping school libraries open, and ensuring students have access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act is not a tax increase, but maintains the current income tax rates on the wealthiest Californians and only affects the top 2% of earners in the state and will automatically expire after 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 is expected to raise \$8-11 billion a year that will go directly into a special fund that supports K-12 schools and community colleges. By helping the state maintain and fund critical resources for public education, the measure also provided funding for other essential services like health care for low-income children and seniors. Up to \$2 billion a year will go to health care for low-income children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 55 includes strict accountability provisions and will not permit any of the funds to go towards bureaucracy or administrative costs. The funds will be used to help students by reducing class sizes, updating textbooks, hiring new educators, and keeping tuition costs from skyrocketing. The money is also subject to audits by the State Controller; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education supports Proposition 55, the Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016, as a balanced and responsible solution that continues the much needed investment in public education and other vital services our community wants and deserves.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 18th day of August, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education