

**Southern Kern Unified School District  
Board of Trustees Resolution #19-20-08  
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 *Southern Kern Unified School District* has **\$93,000,000** in facility needs that may be partially funded by state bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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;<sup>1</sup> 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 *Southern Kern Unified School District* supports Proposition 13, the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020, on the March 3, 2020 statewide ballot.

Adopted by the Governing Board of the *Southern Kern Unified School District* on **January 15, 2020**.

  
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Barbara Gaines, Superintendent, Secretary of the Board

January 15, 2020  
Date