

CHAFFEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Board Meeting Date: OCTOBER 3, 2006

Reference No.: 1.9

TITLE OF ITEM: **SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 1D - RESOLUTION 06-18**

BACKGROUND:

On the November 2006 General Election Ballot there is Proposition 1D that is an investment in our schools. It is a bond measure that will provide \$7 billion for kindergarten through 12th grade to retrofit and upgrade schools. This measure includes funding directed at student safety and instruction to include strengthening schools to withstand the impact of natural disasters, school security, removal of asbestos, help pay for wiring classrooms to provide 21st Century technology and build vocational educational facilities. Proposition 1D would also include strict accountability of funds to ensure that the money is spent properly. The funds would be subjected to an independent audit and the information from that audit would be made available to the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 06-18 in support of Proposition 1D on the November ballot which provides over \$7 billion in revenue to retrofit and upgrade schools to withstand the impact of natural disasters, to better provide school security, removal of asbestos, provide for technical and vocational education as well as other major facility improvements. Further, authorize the President of the Board to sign the Resolution.

SUBMITTED BY: Barry W. Cadwallader

**CHAFFEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 06-18 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1D**

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D is an investment in our schools, in our children and in California's future; and

WHEREAS, providing a quality education for our kids is the most important thing we can do to invest in their future; and

WHEREAS, the best way to grow our economy and create good-paying jobs is to create world-class public schools – with adequate educational facilities---that give our students the skills they need to succeed in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would provide over \$7 billion for kindergarten through 12th grade education and an additional \$3 billion for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would allocate funds to retrofit and upgrade our schools and colleges to ensure they can withstand the impact of natural disasters like earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D includes funding directed at our children's safety, including school security, playground safety, removal of asbestos and replacing leaky and dangerous roofs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would relieve overcrowding, help reduce class sizes and give students a real opportunity to learn; and

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of California's schools are 25 years of age or older and require major repairs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would help pay for wiring classrooms and providing 21st Century technology, and build vocational educational facilities so that all students are given the skills they need to get a job and succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, for every dollar California invests to get students in and through college, the state's economy receives a \$3 net return on that investment; and

WHEREAS, California's community colleges and state universities (UC and CSU) continue to grow exponentially – with community colleges providing instruction to over 2 million students every year and California's universities expected to grow to accommodate nearly 650,000 students – we need to provide funding to modernize and upgrade teaching and research facilities to remain competitive with other states; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D would provide strict accountability to ensure that the money is spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D funds would be subjected to independent audits, and misusing them would be a crime, punishable by time in jail; and

WHEREAS, the independent audit information would be made available to the public so taxpayers can ensure their money is spent properly and will NOT go to waste; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D is so important for California's future that both candidates for governor, Phil Angelides and Arnold Schwarzenegger, as well as a bipartisan majority of the Legislature, support the measure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees that we support Proposition 1D on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2006.

Date

President