

MERCED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education.

FROM: Terry Brace, Ed.D.
District Superintendent

DATE: September 5, 2006

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. S-12-2006-2007
IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1D**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution No. S-12-2006-2007 the education bond measure on the November ballot that is supported by the California State PTA, the California Teachers Association, the California Taxpayers Association and the business community.

Background

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 1D makes our school buildings earthquake-safe and reduces overcrowding in classrooms for students. It updates our schools with new technology, builds vocational education facilities and funds our rapidly growing community college system.

Fiscal Impact

Revenue: None
Expenditure: None
Budget Category: General Fund

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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 provides over \$7 billion for Kindergarten through 12th grade education and an additional \$3 billion for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D allocates 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 kids' safety, including school security, playground safety, removal of asbestos and replacing leaky and dangerous roofs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D will 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 will help pay for wiring classrooms and providing 21st Century technology, and builds vocational education 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 provides strict accountability to ensure that the money is spent properly; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D will be subjected to independent audits, and misusing them

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is a crime, punishable by time in jail. This information will 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Merced City School District that we support Proposition 1D on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION, CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Merced City School District on September 5, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

President, Merced City School District Board of Education
Mr. Darrell Cherf

Clerk, Merced City School District Board of Education
Ms. Betsy Williams