ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

September 7, 2006

On motion of Member Elizabeth Parker, duly seconded and carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 provides over $7 billion for Kindergarten through 12th grade education and an additional $3 billion for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, California's public schools face severe overcrowding; and

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

WHEREAS, the State Architect has identified more than 7,000 school buildings that could need upgrades to be earthquake safe; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 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, adequate educational facilities are critical to preparing students for the workplace and high wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State estimates that the need to build new schools and repair older schools totals more than $11 billion over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the backlog of school district applications awaiting funding to repair old schools exceed $400 million and is growing monthly; and

WHEREAS, our K-12 public school districts, community colleges, state and university systems need additional funding to build new classrooms and repair older facilities; and

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

WHEREAS, Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 is an investment in our schools, in our children, and in California's future; and

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education supports passage of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities statewide bond measure for the November, 2006 ballot.

AYES: Felix Rocha, Jr., Elizabeth Parker, John (Jack) W. Bedell, Ph.D.

NOES:

ABSENT: Dr. Ken Williams

ABSTAINED: Dr. Alexandria Coronado

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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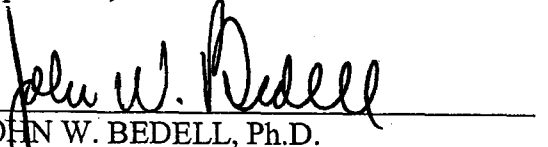
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, John W. Bedell, Ph.D., President, Orange County Board of Education, 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 7th day of September, 2006.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of September, 2006.



JOHN W. BEDELL, Ph.D.
President
Orange County Board of Education