

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-1
BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMMUNITY
COLLEGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2016**

WHEREAS, the California Community College system is the largest postsecondary system of education in the world, enrolling approximately 2.1 million students each year at 72 districts; and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 28 of the California Constitution states that public schools, including community colleges, shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to offer academic and vocational instruction. Colleges may grant associate in arts degrees, associate in science degrees, and select Baccalaureate Degrees; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges also perform essential functions in the State's interest by providing workforce training and improvement services, remedial instruction, English as a Second Language courses, adult noncredit instruction, and community service courses; and

WHEREAS, the State has met its historic policy of access to higher education by providing consistent State bond capital outlay resources; and

WHEREAS, the California Community College Chancellor's Office estimates unmet community college facilities needs of approximately \$29.2 billion through 2020-21; and

WHEREAS, the State is out of community college capital outlay bond funds and is unable to provide \$478 million for 21 projects approved by the Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 provides \$2 billion to community colleges for construction of new classrooms to accommodate enrollment growth, repair of health and safety issues, equipping classrooms with essential technology, and renovation of facilities; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Community College District has \$600 million in facilities needs which may be partially funded by State bonds; and

WHEREAS, passage of the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 would provide the San Mateo County Community College District with \$30 million to be used to modernize critical educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the California unemployment rate is greater than the national unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, 13,000 middle class jobs are created for each \$1 billion in school facility infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, these jobs will be created throughout California and will include almost all building trades; and

WHEREAS, quality community college facilities enhance the education and training of a skilled 21st Century workforce, in furtherance of the State's academic and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will not raise State taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District supports the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2016.

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Attest: _____
Thomas Mohr, Vice President-Clerk
Board of Trustees