

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution 16-8**

**Proposition 51  
Kindergarten through Community College Public Education  
Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution finds public education is a State responsibility in Article IX Section 5; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 28 states that public schools shall be safe, secure and peaceful; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has met its constitutional responsibilities since 1982 by providing consistent State bond resources through programs contained in Division 1, Part 10, Article 12 and Article 12.5 of the Education Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is out of school facility funds and cannot provide the State match for almost \$2 billion in projects filed under current law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Unified School District, Fresno County, has \$7,473,124 in facility project funding filed under current law which may be funded by State bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 51 – the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 – provides for renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms, construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to provide job training to meet the trained workforce needs of California’s employers; 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**, the new Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan are intended to improve educational achievement for all students but do not provide dedicated facilities funding; and

**WHEREAS**, quality 21<sup>st</sup> Century school facilities designed for student needs of today and tomorrow enhance academic achievement and further the State’s academic goals; and

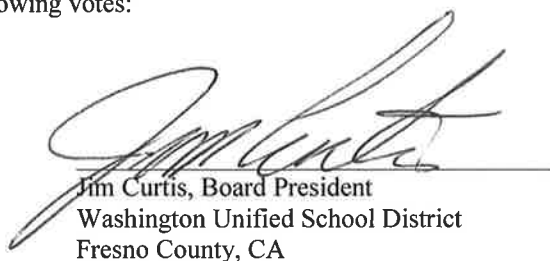
**WHEREAS**, Proposition 51 – the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 – will not raise State taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposition 51 – Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 – State matching funds will reduce the need for additional local property taxes for school facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington Unified School District supports Proposition 51 – the Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

The foregoing Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Unified School District was adopted by the Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District of Fresno County, California, at a regular meeting held by the Board on September 7, 2016 by the following votes:

AYES:	<u>6</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>

  
Jim Curtis, Board President  
Washington Unified School District  
Fresno County, CA