

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Resolution in Support of PROPOSITION 58: The LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition, and Readiness Now) Initiative

Resolution No. 16-10

October 4, 2016

WHEREAS, all California school children have the right to an equal opportunity to advance and excel in all subjects, including the opportunity to develop fluency and literacy in the English language, as well as other languages; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Board of Education believes that a world class, 21st Century education must ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn, read, communicate, compose, and think at a high level of sophistication in both English and in additional languages; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58, the LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition and Readiness Now) Initiative, is consistent with this governing board's dedication to improving student outcomes and the need to produce graduates with skills which prepare them for employment in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, California employers across all sectors, both public and private, are actively recruiting multilingual employees because of their ability to forge stronger bonds with customers, clients, and business partners; and

WHEREAS, passage of Proposition 58 will provide the Sacramento County Board of Education with more flexibility and greater educational options concerning the education of our students along with greater opportunity for our students to access innovative language programs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58 provides school districts greater local control in devising programs for their students to improve mastery of English and other languages; and

WHEREAS, the California School Boards Association, the California County Boards of Education, and the Association of California School Administrators, support Proposition 58: The LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition, and Readiness Now) Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 58 was placed on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot as a result of bipartisan action by the California Legislature; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Board of Education supports Proposition 58: The LEARN (Language Education, Acquisition, and Readiness Now) Initiative.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education at its regular board meeting on the 4th day of October 2016 by the following vote:

AYES	_____	_____
NOES	_____	_____
ABSENT	_____	_____
ABSTAIN	_____	_____

Jacquelyn Levy, Board President

David W. Gordon, Board Secretary