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To: Whom It May Concern

From: The Board of Trustees of (*District name*)

RE: Support for Proposition 55, The California Children’s Education and Health Care
Protection Act of 2016

The Board of Trustees of *(District name)* is pleased to support Proposition 55, the California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016. This measure is critical for California to retain billions of dollars in funding for education.

During the recent “great recession,” billions of dollars were cut from California’s education budget, resulting in devastating reductions or outright elimination of many programs and supports which California’s students and families rely on.

*(Insert district-specific examples of programmatic cuts or staff layoffs).*

Proposition 30, which was passed by voters in 2012, was an important step toward restoring some of those lost revenues. However, the revenues generated by Proposition 30 will disappear fully in 2018. The California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 will extend the income tax provisions of Proposition 30 (which affects the top 2 percent of wage earners in California) through 2030, ensuring that several billion dollars of critical funding for education are preserved.

The 2016-17 state budget indicates that state revenues may stall in the coming years, and that another economic downturn is likely. Coupled with the loss of existing Proposition 30 revenues in 2018, California’s schools face the danger of falling back into recession levels of funding in the next three to five years. If Proposition 30 revenues are not extended, the effects on California’s schools, children and families could be a major setback.

As we continue to pursue the full resources necessary to prepare all of California’s students for college and career, it is crucial that, at a minimum, we retain current education funding. Nationally, California continues to rank near the bottom in per-pupil spending. In order to elevate California to the national average, and eventually exceed that average, we cannot afford another dip in funding levels.

The Board of Trustees of *(District name)* urges California voters to support Proposition 55, the California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2016 at the polls in November.

Sincerely,

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