

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BONSALL
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") recognizes that our schools are vital community assets and is committed to providing classrooms to accommodate the growing student population in the Bonsall Unified School District (the "District") by building a new high school and increasing student safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that all of the District's campuses and classrooms be safe and secure so that students are protected by up to date facilities and systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that school facilities within the District are insufficient to accommodate the growing student population and that the school facilities need to be upgraded to meet current safety codes; and

WHEREAS, whether or not residents within the District have school-age children, protecting the value of our homes, the quality of our schools and the quality of life in our community is a wise investment; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") is not providing the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain its educational facilities and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the District's only remedy to avoid the undermining of its educational programs is securing local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to build a high school to prepare students for college and good jobs; and

WHEREAS, such measure will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised and that no money is used for administrators' salaries or pensions; and

WHEREAS, the District will promote fair and open competition for all District construction projects so that all contractors and workers, whether union or non-union, are treated equally in the bidding and awarding of District contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and