**Proposition 51 – The Kindergarten Through University Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016**

***Sample COE Superintendent Letter of Support***

Joe Dixon, Chair

Californians for Quality Schools

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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Proposition 51, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I am writing to express my support for Proposition 51, the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.

The School Facility Program (SFP) was founded upon a strong State-local partnership for the provision of school facilities. All students, including those served by county offices of education (COEs), deserve equal access to 21st Century learning environments to help meet their academic goals. The State has played an important role in helping school districts and COEs construct and modernize their facilities to ensure students have access to educationally appropriate, safe, and modern facilities.

COEs serve a diverse population of students with specialized needs on a regional basis, including those in special education, community and community day, and court school programs. These are often the most vulnerable or at-risk students that typically require specialized facilities, smaller class sizes, and additional support services to appropriately educate. COEs do not have the authority to issue local bonds and often lack local resources for facilities funding. Thus, the State has played a critical role in helping meet their facilities needs, providing COEs with over $1 billion in funds since 1998.

The SFP has been a very important resource for schools in general and COEs in particular. It is for this reason that I support Proposition 51.

Regards,

[NAME]

Superintendent, [COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION]

cc: Aileen Dalen, Coalition for Adequate School Housing

Jessica Contreras, County School Facilities Consortium