RESOLUTION NO. 17:15

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN SUPPORT OF
MEASURE E AND MEASURE F, THE NORTH MONTEREY
COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES BOND
MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “NMCUSD Board”) of the North Monterey County Unified School District (the “District”) needs to address significant growth in enrollment and has determined that certain educational facilities, infrastructure and equipment at each of the District’s school campuses need to be constructed, renovated, and equipped in a fiscally prudent manner, including the replacement of old portable classrooms that have exceed their lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to maintain our schools as a valuable community resource that provides adequate educational facilities and related programs and services, which increases the educational opportunities of all local K-12 students, including providing career and college readiness support facilities for students to learn skills required for in-demand job skills, and to be prepared for beyond high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, the District partners with community colleges, universities, other higher education institutions, community organizations, and private businesses to provide our K-12 students and their families with educational programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the majority of students from the District reside within Hartnell Community College District boundaries, and many attend after graduation and also attend while in high school through concurrent enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the District must provide adequate, safe facilities for our K-12 students that prepare them for post-high school training and education, to ensure they are ready to enter the workforce with job skills, a certificate and are prepared for college level courses; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is not providing the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain our school’s educational facilities and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the costs of providing adequate school facilities is expensive, the District schools are impacted and cannot house the current or projected enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the NMCUSD Board has received information regarding the feasibility of the local bond Measures E and F and the District’s bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, local Measures E and F will help provide funds that can fund facilities and therefore the District will not be forced to reduce programs and services to students in order to address facility needs; and

WHEREAS, such local Measures E and F will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens’ oversight committee of all funds and mandatory annual financial audits to ensure funds are spent only as authorized; and
WHEREAS, in the judgment of the NMCUSD Board, it is advisable to provide additional funding to improve facilities to better prepare our local K-12 students, by means of general obligation bonds, issued in a financially prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the NMCUSD Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per $100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District supports these facilities improvements sought through MEASURE E and MEASURE F, the North Monterey County Unified School District Facilities Bond Measures, and encourages voters to vote “YES” on November 7, 2017 in favor of these measures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees on September 5, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: DePauw, Donohue, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez, Salazar, Serena

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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Board President Secretary, Board of Trustees