**Proposition 2 – 2024 State School Bond**

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

[DATE]

**RE: Support for Proposition 2, the Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for Proposition 2, the *Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.* Proposition 2 will provide $10 billion for educational facilities in California, including $8.5 billion for K-12 schools to continue the successful School Facility Program.

All students, including those served by county offices of education (COEs), deserve equal access to 21st Century learning environments. The State plays an important role in helping school districts and COEs construct and upgrade 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 vulnerable or at-risk students that require specialized facilities, smaller class sizes, and additional support services. COEs do not have the authority to issue local bonds and often lack local resources for facilities funding. The School Facility Program is an important resource that has provided COEs with over $1 billion since 1998.

Proposition 2 creates new protections for small districts and COEs, improving their ability to access School Facility Program funds. These refinements include a reservation of bond authority up to 10% of the available new construction and modernization funds for small districts to ensure construction funds are available after the project has been designed.

It is for these reasons that I support Proposition 2.

Regards,

[NAME]

Superintendent, [COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION]

cc: Jessica Contreras, County School Facilities Consortium