



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.1i

Meeting Date: June 16, 2016

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2893: School Board Resolution in Support of the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2893: School Board Resolution in Support of the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016.

Background/Rationale: The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 is a measure which proposes to raise the tax of cigarettes to \$2.00 per pack. The initiative will save lives and produce long-term cost savings as well as raise revenue to improve healthcare and healthcare research.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Engagement.

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 2893

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: Board Vice President Jay Hansen

Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2893

**School Board Resolution in Support of the California Healthcare, Research and
Prevention Tobacco Act of 2016**

WHEREAS, smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in California; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of smokers start as teens; and

WHEREAS, over 16,000 children in California get hooked on smoking every year, and half of the teens who start will die from smoking related illness; and

WHEREAS, for every 10 percent increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes, teen smoking drops by up to 6.5 percent; and

WHEREAS, teen e-cigarette (vaping) use tripled between 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 will prevent teens from becoming addicted to tobacco; and

WHEREAS, every year, smoking costs California taxpayers billions of dollars, including \$3.5 billion spent annually on Medi-Cal to treat smoking-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 will reduce smoking rates and reduce long-term healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 will increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes sold in California from 87 cents a pack to \$2.87, and place equivalent taxes on other tobacco products containing nicotine, like e-cigarettes (vaping); and

WHEREAS, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 will raise approximately \$2.5 billion annually, 85% of which will fund healthcare programs; and

WHEREAS, these programs include Medi-Cal which is the primary medical care for the majority of California's school children, smoking prevention programs at our schools through grants administered by the California Department of Education, research on tobacco-related diseases including cancer, heart and lung disease through the University of California, increasing medical residency programs for our students graduating from California medical schools; and

WHEREAS, the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 is supported by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association in California, the California Medical Association, the California Dental Association, the California Hospital Association, and the Service Employees International Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education strongly supports the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 and urges Californians to vote YES to take a stand to save California lives and help smokers quit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 16th day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education