

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2425-58**

**A RESOLUTION
INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995(b)(3)**

WHEREAS, Statute AB 2926 (Chapter 887/Statutes of 1986) authorizes the governing board of any school district to levy a fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement against any development project for the reconstruction of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65995 establishes a maximum amount of fee that may be charged against such development projects and authorizes the maximum amount set forth in said section to be adjusted for inflation every two years as set forth in the state-wide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board at its January meeting; and

WHEREAS, at its January 24, 2024, meeting, the State Allocation Board approved the maximum fee authorized by Education Code section 17620 to \$5.17 per square foot of residential construction described in Government Code section 65995(b)(1) and \$0.84 per square foot against commercial and industrial construction described in Government Code section 65995(b)(2); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on residential projects in the amount of up to \$5.17 per square foot as authorized by Education Code section 17620; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve and adopt fees on commercial and industrial development projects in the amount of up to \$0.84 per square foot as described in Government Code section 65995(b)(2). The mini-storage category of commercial/industrial justification has less impact than the statutory \$0.84 per square foot commercial/industrial justification and should be collected at the justified rate of \$0.46 per square foot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District as follows:

I. Procedure. The Board hereby finds that prior to the adoption of this Resolution, the Board conducted a public hearing at which oral and written presentations were made, as part of the Board's regularly scheduled February 26, 2025, meeting. Notice of the time and place of the meeting, including a general explanation of the matter to be considered, has been published twice in a newspaper in accordance with Government Code section 66016, and a notice, including a statement that the data required by Government Code section 66016 was available, and mailed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting to any interested party who had filed a written request with the District for mailed notice of the meeting on new fees or service charges within the period specified by law. Additionally, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, the District made available to the public, data indicating the amount of the cost, or

estimated cost, required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is to be adjusted pursuant to this Resolution, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide this service. By way of such public meeting, the Board received oral and written presentations by District staff which are summarized and contained in the District's Developer Fee Implementation Study dated January 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") and which formed the basis for the action taken pursuant to this Resolution.

2. Findings. The Board has reviewed the Plan as it relates to proposed and potential development, the resulting school facilities' needs, the cost thereof, and the available sources of revenue including the fees provided by this Resolution, and based thereon and upon all other written and oral presentations to the Board, hereby makes the following findings:
 - A. Additional development projects within the District, whether new residential construction or residential reconstruction involving increases in assessable area greater than 500 square feet, or new commercial or industrial construction will increase the need for reconstruction of school facilities;
 - B. Without reconstruction of present school facilities, any further residential development projects or commercial or industrial development projects within the District will result in a significant decrease in the quality of education presently offered by the District;
 - C. The fees proposed in the Plan and the fees implemented pursuant to this Resolution are for the purposes of providing adequate school facilities to maintain the quality of education offered by the District;
 - D. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution will be used for the reconstruction of school facilities as identified in the Plan;
 - E. The uses of the fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution are reasonably related to the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;
 - F. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution bear a reasonable relationship to the need for reconstructed school facilities created by the types of development projects on which the fees are imposed;
 - G. The fees proposed in the Plan and implemented pursuant to this Resolution do not exceed the estimated amount required to provide funding for the reconstruction of school facilities for which the fees are levied; and in making this finding, the Board declares that it has considered the availability of revenue sources anticipated to provide such facilities, including general fund revenues;
 - H. The fees imposed on commercial or industrial development bear a reasonable relationship and are limited to the needs of the community for schools and are reasonably related and limited to the need for reconstructed school facilities caused by the development; and

- I. The fees will be collected for school facilities for which an account has been established and funds appropriated and for which the District has adopted a reconstruction schedule and/or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made.
3. Fee. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board hereby increases the previously levied fee to the amount of up to \$5.17 per square foot for assessable space for new residential construction and for residential reconstruction to the extent of the resulting increase in assessable areas; and to the amount of up to \$0.84 per square foot for new commercial or industrial construction. The mini-storage category of commercial/industrial justification has less impact than the statutory \$0.84 per square foot commercial/industrial justification and should be collected at the justified rate of \$0.46 per square foot.
4. Fee Adjustments and Limitation. The fees adjusted herewith shall be subject to the following:
 - A. The amount of the District's fees as authorized by Education Code section 17620 shall be reviewed every two (2) years to determine if a fee increase according to the adjustment for inflation set forth in the statewide cost index for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board is justified.
 - B. Any development project for which a final map was approved and construction had commenced on or before September 1, 1986, is subject only to the fee, charge, dedication or other form of requirement in existence on that date and applicable to the project.
 - C. The term "development project" as used herein is as defined by section 65928 of the Government Code.
5. Additional Mitigation Methods. The policies set forth in this Resolution are not exclusive and the Board reserves the authority to undertake other or additional methods to finance school facilities. The Board reserves the authority to substitute the dedication of land or other property or other form of requirement in lieu of the fees levied by way of this Resolution at its discretion, so long as the reasonable value of land to be dedicated does not exceed the maximum fee amounts contained herein or modified pursuant hereto.
6. Implementation. For residential, commercial or industrial projects within the District, the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is authorized to issue Certificates of Compliance upon the payment of any fee levied under the authority of this Resolution.
7. California Environmental Quality Act. The Board hereby finds that the implementation of Developer Fees is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
8. Commencement Date. The effective date of this Resolution shall be April 27, 2025 which is sixty (60) days following its adoption by the Board.
9. Notification of Local Agencies. The District will forward copies of this Resolution and a Map of the District to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County

and to the Planning Commission and City Council of the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo.

10. Severability. If any portion of this Resolution is found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board hereby declares its intent to adopt this Resolution irrespective of the fact that one or more of its provisions may be declared invalid subsequent hereto.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District on this 26 day of February 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 4


NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

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President, Governing Board
West Contra Costa Unified School District

ATTEST:  _____
Secretary, Governing Board
West Contra Costa Unified School District