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To: Whom It May Concern

From: The Board of Trustees of (*District name*)

RE: Support for Proposition 58, the California Education for a Global Economy (EdGE) Initiative

The Board of Trustees of *(District name)* is pleased to support Proposition 58, the California Education for a Global Economy (EdGE) Initiative.

Since Proposition 227 was passed in 1998, California has taken a new direction in both multilingual education for all students, as well as instruction for students who are not native English speakers. English language development (ELD) standards are now aligned with the California’s State Standards, and Proposition 227 is no longer reflective of California’s approach.

A result of bipartisan action of the California Legislature, the EdGE initiative amends and repeals the portions of Proposition 227 that require all classes to be taught in English and for English Learners to be taught in sheltered immersion courses. The EdGE initiative also provides greater flexibility for students who are native English speakers to participate in programs to learn other languages.

This initiative is an important step to allowing English Learners to have a voice in their educational pursuits and to providing the opportunity for these students to excel. Similarly, this measures provides all students with greater access to multilingual and multicultural education, which develops skills vital to today’s global workplace.

The Board of Trustees of *(District name)* urges California voters to support Proposition 58, the California Education for a Global Economy (EdGE) Initiative at the polls in November.

Sincerely,

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