RESOLUTION NO. 1634

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Kent School District No. 415, King County, Washington, providing for the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on April 25, 2023, of a proposition for the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$495,000,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of school districts for the purpose of providing funds to purchase, construct, equip, renovate, expand and make certain capital improvements to the facilities of the District and authorizing the Superintendent or Associate Superintendent of Finance to submit a request for eligibility for the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program.

WHEREAS, improvements to school facilities are needed in Kent School District No. 415, King County, Washington (the "District") in order to provide the students of the District with adequate, proper and safe educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide part of the funds to enable the District to construct, equip, renovate, expand and make such necessary capital improvements to its facilities, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$495,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 28A.530.010 and RCW 84.52.056) provide that the question of whether such Bonds may be issued and sold for such purposes and taxes levied to pay such Bonds must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in chapter 39.98 RCW (the "Credit Enhancement Act"), the State Legislature established a credit enhancement program (the "Program") for voter-approved school district general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Section 39.98.040 of the Credit Enhancement Act authorizes the State Treasurer to make a determination whether a school district is eligible for participation in the Program under rules adopted by the State Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, if the District's proposition for the issuance of unlimited tax general obligation bonds is approved, the District may elect to participate in the Program upon an administrative determination that it is cost-effective;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Directors (the "Board") hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the students and other inhabitants of the District require the District to carry out the plans hereinafter provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 2. Capital Improvements. The District shall undertake the following capital improvements to the District facilities (together, the "Improvements"):

- Districtwide student safety, security and health improvements, including upgrades to access control, communication, and alarm systems; security camera replacements;
 HVAC replacements; and increased space for counseling services at middle schools;
- Districtwide school and support facility improvements, including updates at elementary school facilities to accommodate pre-K education; construction of a new warehouse and operations and facilities offices; installation of new flooring and energy-efficient lighting; replacement of windows, roofs, boilers, chillers, and grounds equipment; repairs and upgrades to restrooms, exterior building envelopes, sidewalks, and asphalt; alterations for ADA compliance; and various maintenance

projects for, and improvements to, District electrical, plumbing, and irrigation systems;

- Athletic and outdoor facility improvements at all school sites, including construction
 of new field buildings at high schools; installation of synthetic fields at the existing
 middle schools and three high schools; repairs, replacements, additions and upgrades
 to bleachers, scoreboards, playgrounds, locker room, and equipment storage; and
- Districtwide technology improvements, including upgrades to disaster recovery infrastructure, and power supply, emergency message, and network fiber systems.

The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital Improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such Improvements and shall include the reimbursement of the District's General Fund for expenditures incurred prior to the issuance of Bonds, consistent with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-8(a)(5) and Section 1.150-2. Such Improvements shall be complete with all necessary furniture, equipment and appurtenances. In addition, capitalized interest as permitted by RCW 39.46.070 shall be deemed a part of the cost of such Improvements.

If available funds are sufficient from the proceeds of Bonds authorized for the above purposes, and state or local circumstances require, the District shall use such funds to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds or acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District, all as the Board may determine, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

The District shall determine the application of available moneys as among the various Improvements set forth above so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all of the Improvements described or provided for in this section. The District shall determine the exact extent and specifications for construction of structures or other improvements.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish any of such Improvements or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Improvements and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Improvements, to other capital improvements, or to payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

In the event that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, plus any other moneys of the District legally available, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Improvements provided by this section, the District shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those Improvements for which the Bonds were approved deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

It is not anticipated that the District will receive funds from the State of Washington pursuant to chapter 28A.525 RCW. Should the District receive state construction assistance funds, and should the Improvements described above be funded from other sources, including but not limited to proceeds of the Bonds, such state construction assistance funds may be used to make other capital improvements to the facilities of the District as the Board may determine after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the funds necessary to pay the cost of the Improvements described in Section 2 hereof and/or to reimburse the District for such costs to the extent that District funds have been used for such purposes, together with incidental costs and costs related to the sale and issuance of the Bonds, the District shall issue and sell its unlimited tax levy general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$495,000,000. The balance of the cost of such Improvements shall be paid out of any moneys which the District now has or may later have which are legally available for such purposes, including mitigation fees, impact fees, and state or federal grants of money. None of the Bond proceeds shall be used for the replacement of equipment or for a non-capital purpose. Such Bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount approved by the qualified electors of the District as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Section 4. Details of Bonds. The Bonds provided for in Section 3 hereof shall be sold in such amounts and at such time or times as deemed necessary and advisable by this Board and as permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law at the time the Bonds are sold, and shall mature in such amounts and at such times within a maximum term of twenty-one (21) years from date of issue, but may mature at an earlier date or dates, as authorized by this Board and as provided by law. Said Bonds shall be general obligations of the District and, unless paid from other sources, both principal thereof and interest thereon shall be payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of any constitutional or statutory tax limitations. The exact date, form, terms and maturities of said Bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board. After voter approval of the bond proposition and in

anticipation of the issuance of such Bonds, the District may issue short term obligations as authorized and provided by chapter 39.50 RCW. The proceeds of the Bonds may be used to redeem and retire such short term obligations or to reimburse the District for expenditures previously made for such Improvements.

Section 5. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds at a special election to be held on April 25, 2023. The King County Director of Records and Elections (the "Director"), as ex officio supervisor of elections in King County, Washington is hereby requested to assume jurisdiction of and to call and conduct the election to be held within the District and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition hereinafter set forth. Such election shall be conducted by mail or as otherwise required by the Director. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to said officials in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$495,000,000

The Board of Directors approved Resolution #1634 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to make District-wide safety, security and ADA improvements; modernize elementary schools for pre-K education; repair, remodel and upgrade school and administrative buildings, HVAC and building systems and technology; replace and install playgrounds, athletic facilities and sports fields; and expand operations facilities, by issuing \$495,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution #1634.

Should this proposition be approved?

| YES | |
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| NO | |

The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to present a certified copy of this resolution to the Director and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the proposition to the voters. All actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. Notices Regarding Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title submitted pursuant to this resolution, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Associate Superintendent of Finance (Benjamin Rarick), telephone: (253) 373-7164, email: Benjamin.Rarick@kent.k12.wa.us, and (b) Bond Counsel, Pacifica Law Group LLP (Faith Pettis), telephone: (206) 245-1700, email: Faith.Pettis@pacificalawgroup.com, as the individuals to whom the Director shall provide such notice. The Associate Superintendent of Finance is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Director or the King County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Request for Eligibility for the Credit Enhancement Program. In preparation for the issuance and sale of the Bonds after approval by the voters, the Board hereby requests that the State Treasurer issue a certificate of eligibility in favor of the District for participation by the District in the Program with respect to the Bonds. The Superintendent or Associate Superintendent of Finance are hereby authorized, following voter approval, to submit such applications, resolutions and certifications as shall be required by the State Treasurer in reviewing the District's request for participation.

Section 8. Severability. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution or the Bonds, but they shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been

contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

<u>Section 9</u>. <u>Effective Date</u>. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415, King County, Washington, at a regular meeting held this 14th day of December, 2022.

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 415, KING
COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Board President

Director

Director

Director

Director

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors