



RESOLUTION #21-07

In Recognition of the Multilingual Network as Advocates for Multilingual Students

WHEREAS, close to 43% of the Santa Cruz County's students, K-12th grade, are currently learning academic English as a second language;

WHEREAS, another 2.3% of the Santa Cruz County's students, K-12th grade, already have strong proficiency in English and also speak another language at home;

WHEREAS, these students represent an asset to our community of multilingual citizens;

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education passed a resolution to support implementation of the California English Learner Roadmap in April 2019, calling for school districts to ensure that English Learner (EL) students attain high levels of English proficiency, mastery of grade level standards and have opportunities to develop proficiency in multiple languages starting in Early Childhood Education (ECE);

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is committed to aligning all of its programs and services for EL students with the State Board's EL Roadmap and is committed to supporting districts to do the same;

WHEREAS, the CA English Learner Roadmap explicitly calls for counties and districts to develop leaders and educators who are knowledgeable and responsive to the strengths and needs of English learners and their communities and who establish clear goals and commitments to English learners and who maintain a systemic focus on continuous improvement and progress towards these goals;

AND WHEREAS the members of the Santa Cruz County Multilingual Network have consistently exemplified the equity mindset, the self-reflection, and the advocacy essential to implementation of the principles of the California EL Roadmap;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education hereby recognizes and expresses deep appreciation for the work of the Multilingual Network Members:

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Live Oak School District

Dr. Lorie Chamberland, Superintendent
MaryAnn Hilton, Coordinator, ELA, ELD and Assessment
Greg Stein, Principal, Live Oak Elementary School

Pajaro Valley Unified School District

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Marwa Yousofzoy, Coordinator of EL Programs

Santa Cruz City Schools

Julia Hodges, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Secondary
Shannon Calden, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Elementary
Kristina Cabrera, Assistant Principal, Mission Hill Middle School
Amy Spiers, Assistant Principal, Branciforte Middle School
Rene Ohana, Assistant Principal, Santa Cruz High School
Naima Leal, Special Education Instructional Coach

Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Alternative Education

Cristal Renteria, Site Coordinator, Sequoia Schools
Blanca Corrales, Community Organizer
Javier Gonzales, Teacher
Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Project Director, Alternative Education

Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Angela Meeker, Senior Director, District Support
Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator

San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District

Ned Hearn, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Linda Buie, San Lorenzo Valley Middle and High School ELD teacher
Bridgett O'Shea, EL Coordinator, San Lorenzo Valley Elementary
Jen Wilson, EL Coordinator, Boulder Creek Elementary
Mitzi Poetzinger, EL Coordinator and School Psychologist

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Scotts Valley Unified School District

Michelle Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Joann Tassone, ELD teacher, Vine Hill Elementary

Monica Keller, ELD teacher, Brook Knoll Elementary and Scotts Valley High School

Alexie Neall, ELD teacher, Scotts Valley Middle School

Josh Wahl, Principal, Brook Knoll Elementary

Tracey Neilsen, Principal, Vine Hill Elementary

Michelle Menchaca, Assistant Principal, Scotts Valley Middle School

Soquel Union Elementary School District

Jessica Kiernan, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Barbara Huebner, EL TOSA

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education Santa Cruz County on this 20th Day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall, Filicetti

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Rose Filicetti, President

ATTEST:



Dr. Faris Sabbah

County Superintendent of Schools

Secretary, Santa Cruz County Board of Education