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## **RESOLUTION #22-07**

### **In Recognition of April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month And in Recognition of Members of the Multilingual Leadership Network and EL RISE as Advocates for Santa Cruz County's Multilingual Students**

**WHEREAS**, 40% of Santa Cruz County's students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners;

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

**WHEREAS**, "National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month" highlights a commitment to ensure educational equity and access for these learners to thrive academically and become productive biliterate/multiliterate global citizens;

**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 Leadership Network and the participants in the EL RISE Educator Workforce Investment Grant have consistently exemplified the advocacy and commitment to transforming practices essential to implementation of the principles of the California EL Roadmap here in Santa Cruz County,

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognize and celebrate April 2022 as "National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month" and the members of the Multilingual Leadership Network and EL RISE as exemplary advocates for our county's multilingual learners.

#### **Live Oak School District**

Karla Atencio, Teacher  
Emily Avila, Teacher  
Julie Curley, Teacher  
Theresa Gilbert, Teacher  
Mary Ann Hilton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Christiane Orellana, Teacher  
Lisa Rispaud, Teacher

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Alicia Romero, Teacher  
Kathryn Silva-Grizzle, Teacher  
Greg Stein, Principal, Live Oak Elementary School

**Mountain Elementary School District**

Sita Kaimal, Language Expo Coordinator and Language Ambassador Advisor

**Pacific Collegiate Charter School**

Valeria Miranda, ELPAC Coordinator  
Caitlin Spohrer, Teacher  
Andrea Roth, Teacher

**Pajaro Valley Unified School District**

Alma Anguiano, Teacher  
Michael Berman, Director of Accountability, Equity and Categorical Programs  
Katrjn Bermudez, Teacher  
Jose Humberto Camacho, Teacher  
Kristina Carter, Teacher  
Debra Davidson, Teacher  
Lilia Diaz, Teacher  
Gina Elisalde, Principal  
Maria Fajardo, English Learner Specialist  
George Feldman, Teacher  
Cynthia Fernandez, Teacher  
Martha Garcia, Teacher  
Evelyn Garcia-Monge, Teacher  
Juan Gonzalez, Teacher  
Erin Levi, Teacher  
Stephanie Pomplun, Coordinator of English Learner and Bilingual Programs  
Maria Rocha, Teacher  
Sharon Sanchez, Teacher  
Josette Thomas, Teacher  
Patricia Unruhe, Teacher and After School Coordinator  
Maria Vazquez, Teacher  
Ruby Vasquez, Parent Education Trainer  
Maribel Zuniga, Teacher  
Candelaria Zuniga, Teacher

**Santa Cruz City Schools**

Shannon Calden, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Elementary  
Kristen Cameron, ELD TOSA  
Julia Hodges, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Secondary

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Jessica Serna-Castaneda, Bilingual Parent/ Community Coordinator  
Amy Spiers, Assistant Principal  
Sara Norris, Assistant Principal  
Sierra Hill Leahy, Teacher  
Shanna Kiesz, Teacher  
Melissa Morales-McGibben, Response to Intervention Coordinator  
Maria Carmen Zuniga Martinez

**Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Alternative Education**

Blanca Corrales, Community Organizer  
Cristal Renteria, Assistant Director of Alternative Education  
Elizabeth Shaw, Teacher

**Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Curriculum and Instruction**

Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Cristine Chopra, Executive Director, S5C  
Angela Meeker, Senior Director, District Support  
Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator

**San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District**

Linda Buie, Teacher and EL Coordinator  
Bridgett O'Shea, EL Coordinator  
Jen McRae, Chief Academic Officer  
Mitzi Poetzing, EL Coordinator and School Psychologist  
Jen Wilson, EL Coordinator

**Scotts Valley Unified School District**

Alexandra Friel, Director of Curriculum  
Monica Keller, Teacher  
Tracey Neilsen, Principal  
Joann Tassone, Teacher

**Soquel Union Elementary School District**

Erica Akin, Teacher  
Tina Bonar, Teacher  
Martha Buendia, Paraeducator  
Siena Castillo, Teacher  
Jane Crump, Teacher  
Jill Donalson, Teacher  
Monica Einaudi, Teacher  
Noelle Eurs, Teacher  
Mary Flynn, Teacher

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Kelley Freitas, Teacher  
Millicent Frost, Teacher  
Sarah Galvan, Teacher  
Hilda Hernandez-Meza, Teacher  
Barbara Huebner, ELD TOSA  
Laura Johnson, Teacher  
Ailish Johnson, Teacher  
Jessica Kiernan, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Jessica Lari, Teacher  
Julie Livingstone, Teacher  
Callie Lyon, Teacher  
Lynn Macy, Teacher  
Sara Marsh, Teacher  
Erica Marquez, Teacher  
Jaime Mcmillan, Teacher  
Peter O'Reilly, Teacher  
Megan Pereira, Teacher  
Christa Petrauskas, Teacher  
Aaron Reisman, Teacher  
Tamara Riedel, Teacher  
Samantha Roger, Teacher  
Leah Rogers, Teacher  
Laura Salerno, Teacher  
Desiree Sattari, Teacher  
Katie Shank, Teacher  
Michelle Spahn, Teacher  
Heather Springe, Teacher  
Katie Stewart, Teacher  
Rebecca Voigt, Teacher  
Beth Willen, Teacher  
Ann Wilson, Teacher  
Eric Witter, Principal

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education Santa Cruz County on this Day of April 21, 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Acosta, Alto, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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Abel Sanchez, President

**ATTEST:**



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Dr. Faris Sabbah  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Secretary, Santa Cruz County Board of Education