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
Katryn Bermudez, Teacher
Jose Humberto Camacho, Teacher
Kristina Carter, Teacher
Debra Davidson, Teacher
Lilia Diaz, Teacher
Gina Elsalde, 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
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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 Poetzinger, 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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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 Mcmillian, 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:

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