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Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Rose Filicetti • Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

RESOLUTION #23-06
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, 42% of Santa Cruz County’s students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners: students who are developing proficiency in two or more languages, including students who are learning English as a additional language in school (English Learners), students who entered fluent in English with an additional home language (Initially Fluent English Proficient-IFEP), and students who have become fluent in English in addition to their home language (Reclassified English Proficient: RFEP), representing over 16,500 students;

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;

WHEREAS, the CA English Roadmap envisions an educational system where all educators share responsibility for developing the linguistic and academic capacities of multilingual learners;

WHEREAS, the CA English Roadmap Principle 1 calls for assets-oriented and needs-responsive schools that value and build strong family and school partnerships;

AND WHEREAS the Santa Cruz County Family Engagement Collaborative members are leaders in their schools and communities in building these partnerships;

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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 2023 as “National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month” and urge all educators to advocate on behalf of multilingual learners and commends the work of Santa Cruz County Family Engagement Collaborative.

Live Oak School District

- Gabriela Perez, Family Liaison
- Crystal Perez, Family and Community Engagement Manager
- Fabiola Torres, Family Liaison
- Adriana Ruiz, Family Liaison
- Dr. Daisy Morales, Superintendent

Pacific Collegiate School

- Sofia Ramirez, Bilingual Community Liaison and EL Coordinator

Pajaro Valley School District

- Ruby Vasquez, Teacher on Special Assignment, Parent Education Trainer
- Brenda Guzman, Project Specialist, State and Federal Program

Santa Cruz City Schools

- Elisa Gonzales, School Community Coordinator
- Shannon Calden, Director of Elementary Learning and Achievement
- Rosario Weckler, School Community Coordinator
- Maria Mendoza, School Community Coordinator
- Ana Maria Treadwell, School Community Coordinator
- Sam Rolens, Chief of Communications and Community Engagement
- Jessica Serna Castaneda, School Community Coordinator
- Soledad Carvajal, School Community Coordinator

Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education

- Laura Macondray, Community Organizer

Santa Cruz COE Educational Services

- Angela Meeker, Senior Director

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Filicetti

ABSTAIN:



Bruce Van Allen, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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