

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION 17/18-43
In Support of Adult Education in K-12**

WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Adult Schools have been called upon on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues. Examples include: job training programs during the Great Depression; training skilled and under skilled workers during World War II; and preparing millions of residents for citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved to adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** successfully serves **9,380** adult students and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community based organizations through the Adult Education Block Grant System. **Contra Costa County Adult Education Consortium (CCCAEC), a collaboration among eight (8) K-12 District Adult Education institutions and three (3) Community Colleges** served approximately **61,816** students in the **2016-17 school year**; and

WHEREAS, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve **Greater Concord, Bay Point, and parts of Pittsburg, Martinez, and Walnut Creek**, including: class categories outlined in AB 104 (2015) such as Computer classes, Job Preparation classes, High School Diploma and GED Programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Citizenship classes, Healthcare Training and more; and

WHEREAS, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** served **882** students in Adult Basic and Adult Secondary Education Programs with 56 high school diplomas/high school equivalency certificates awarded; and

WHEREAS, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** served **2,445** students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in the 2016-17 school year, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year tutoring their own children; and

WHEREAS, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District** strongly supports Adult Education as an important part of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District**.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District** strongly urges the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, and the California Department of Education to increase funding and institute a COLA for Adult Education programs, amend the statute to include immigrant integration metrics and amend the term "grant" in Adult Education Block Grant to indicate a more consistent, stable and long-term funding source for Adult Schools.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **9th** day of **April**, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENCES:

ABSENTIONS:

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD PRESIDENT