



Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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**Proclamation of September as Attendance Awareness Month
Resolution No. 15/16-3**

WHEREAS good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten,

WHEREAS chronic absence - missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month - is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. Diablo School District proclaims that our schools will stand with the nation in recognizing September as "Attendance Awareness Month." We hereby commit to our continued focus on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotional and socially.

Specifically, the Mt. Diablo Unified School will:

- Continue to build upon our work with site administrators to raise awareness that chronic absence is a proven early warning indicator of academic trouble and dropping out of school.
- Provide each of the school sites with new motivational attendance posters.
- Continue to partner with Contra Costa County of Education and participate with the Attendance Learning Network, as we analyze our chronic absence data to develop incentives and strategies to reduce the number of students who are chronically absent.
- Engage parents, schools, community partners, and the media to help spread the message that good attendance matters and help us come up with solutions to ensure that all children are in school as much as possible. Every School Day Counts Intervention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the district.

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