

MDUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 19/20 - 31

Recognition of February 3-7, 2020 as Fund Education Now Week

WHEREAS California currently has the fifth-largest economy in the world, yet 37 of 50 states, from Vermont to Alabama, spend more per student than California and our state spends nowhere near the national average on per-pupil funding; and

WHEREAS Stanford University and Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) published a report in 2018 that illustrated that the state would need a \$25.6 billion increase in school funding to adequately fund schools; and

WHEREAS educating a student is significantly more expensive compared to other states due to the high cost of living; and

WHEREAS the cost of housing is uniquely impactful for the education community in the Bay Area where costs have risen 78.4% over 15 years; and

WHEREAS the cost to repair school facilities are higher in California than other states, as well as the cost for maintaining transportation services for students; and

WHEREAS educating a student is uniquely challenging as California has the highest rate of poverty amongst children; and

WHEREAS California is a beacon of opportunity for people around the world which has allowed the state to have the highest number of English Language Learners; and

WHEREAS the United States government has not kept its promise of increased funding for the IDEA act which supports special education programs; and

WHEREAS school districts are forced to implement unfunded mandates from the California legislature; and

WHEREAS school districts must cope with the state-mandated rising costs of pensions with little relief from the state; and

WHEREAS California remains at the bottom for teacher-to-student, nurse-to-student, counselor-to-student, and librarian-to-student ratios; and

WHEREAS studies have consistently shown a positive correlation between funding levels and education outcomes;

BE IT RESOLVED that having a week dedicated to raising awareness amongst the East Bay community and advocating our needs for increased funding is in the best interest of students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mount Diablo Board of Education recognizes February 3-7, 2020 as Fund Education Now Week.

Brian Lawrence, Board President

Debra Mason, Board Vice President

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Joanne Durkee, Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

01/13/2020
Date Signed

Adopted by the Governing Board on 01/13/2020.

Robert A. Martinez
Secretary to the Board