Joint Resolution No. 20-18
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

In Recognition of April 2020 as Public Schools Month

Whereas, America’s public schools educate 9 out of 10 students in the United States—more than 50 million—regardless of ability, race, wealth, language, religion, or country of origin, to prepare them for future endeavors; and

Whereas, public schools today offer safe and inclusive learning experiences, prepare students for the future workforce, encourage active civic participation, and support students in reaching their fullest potential; and

Whereas, the racial and socioeconomic diversity commonly found in public schools helps students cultivate critical skills and develop into globally-minded citizens; and

Whereas, more than 94,000 students were educated in 183 public schools across 23 school districts in San Mateo County and at the San Mateo County Office of Education during the 2018-2019 school year; and

Whereas, in March 2020, more than 9,500 teachers, administrators, certificated staff, and classified staff helped San Mateo County students transition to at-home or distance learning due to the Novel Coronavirus 2019, and continued to provide students with academic and social-emotional supports throughout the duration of the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20 to shelter-in-place; and

Whereas, San Mateo County schools demonstrate excellence through earning California Distinguished Schools Awards, maintaining equity-focused programs and practices, and supporting students in unique and innovative ways; and

Whereas, April 2020 has been designated as Public Schools Month to call attention to the excellent work and success of California’s public schools;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby observe April 2020 as Public Schools Month to celebrate our public schools and encourage all Californians to recognize the contributions of school staff, Board Members, and volunteers in shaping our future.

Passed and Adopted on this First Day of April 2020

President

San Mateo County Board of Education

San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools