Joint Resolution No. 20-19
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

In Recognition of April 13-17, 2020, as the Week of the Young Child

Whereas, Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world’s largest early childhood education association, and was first established in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children’s success in school and later life; and

Whereas, high-quality early learning experiences help young children develop mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically and prepare children for kindergarten and school, increase graduation rates, and improve college and career readiness; and

Whereas, early childhood education and care benefits the entire community by preparing young children for success in school and in life, enabling parents to participate in the workforce, and helping employers hire employees who are more dependable due to having adequate childcare; and

Whereas, Nobel Laureate James Heckman’s research on high-quality early childhood education programs shows that high-quality birth-to-five programs for underserved children can deliver a 13% per year return on investment; and

Whereas, policymakers seeking to reduce deficits and strengthen the economy should make significant investments in early childhood education; and

Whereas, SMCOE’s Early Learning Support Services (ELSS) team and staff at the Anne Campbell Center for Children and Families continue to strive to promote high quality early learning opportunities and support all stakeholders throughout San Mateo County;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby observe April 13-17, 2020, as the Week of the Young Child to focus attention on the importance of early learning, inspire policymakers and leaders to place young children at the forefront of public policy and education initiatives, and highlight the early learning programs and services that help children succeed in school and in life.

SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this First Day of April 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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