Joint Resolution No. 20-55
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Honoring Kerry Hansell on Her Retirement

Whereas, Kerry Hansell joined the San Mateo County Office of Education in September 1992 as a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Special Education Program, and spent a total of 42 years working with infants and toddlers who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

Whereas, Ms. Hansell was often the first educator to work with the family of a child who was newly diagnosed as deaf or hearing impaired and she helped them understand strategies and approaches so they could identify the best way to meet their child's individual needs and help them gain language proficiency; and

Whereas, Ms. Hansell arranged special events for parents of children who are deaf or hearing impaired to give them the chance to learn from one another, building a lasting community where parents feel safe and supported, empowered to assist their children, and excited to help other parents; and

Whereas, Ms. Hansell pursued special training on working with children with cochlear implants and took the lead in mentoring other teachers on best practices for providing services to children with cochlear implants; and

Whereas, Ms. Hansell participated in many hunts throughout the school searching for a hearing aid or ear mold that fell off while a child was playing, and had an outstanding record for finding a missing hearing aid, or piece of a hearing aid, out on the playground, in a ball pit, toy box, or a variety of other places within the school environment, where something very small might easily be hidden; and

Whereas, Ms. Hansell, who enjoyed planning staff celebrations and organizing games that engaged the entire team and got everyone on their feet participating, laughing, and having fun, was a tremendous asset to the E-22 Special Education Program and will be missed by her colleagues and the families she served;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools congratulate Kerry Hansell on her 27 years of dedicated service to the students of San Mateo County and wish her the best in her retirement.

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Passed and Adopted on this Second Day of September 2020

President