Joint Resolution No. 20-56  
San Mateo County Board of Education  
and  
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools  
State of California  

Honoring Nicole Tonelli on Her Retirement  

Whereas, Nicole Tonelli joined the San Mateo County Office of Education in November 1991 as a Speech and Language Pathologist as part of the Special Education Related Services team, working with students who are deaf and hard of hearing across all grade levels as well as supporting students in the Court and Community Schools program; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli demonstrated an enormous ability to learn, grow, and adapt to working in different programs; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli’s extensive experience and expertise in Signing Exact English (SEE), deaf education, and severe communication disorders was invaluable to the County Office of Education’s programs and the students and families they serve; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli was passionate about her work with students and families and always made students her primary focus; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli was insightful about how to work most effectively with students and their families, was always willing to share her wisdom, knowledge, and expertise, and was a mentor to many of her colleagues; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli was deeply involved in the SMCOE student program, serving as a union negotiation representative, participating in school events, and tirelessly advocating for inclusion; and  

Whereas, Ms. Tonelli was a professional, conscientious, and dependable colleague whose great sense of humor brightened the school day;  

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools congratulate Nicole Tonelli on her 28 years of dedicated service to the students of San Mateo County and wish her the best in her retirement.  

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  

SAN MATEO COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  

Passed and Adopted on this  
Second Day of September 2020  

President