

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLANNING AREAS (SELPA)**

**Resolution No. 16/17-44**

**WHEREAS**, special education in California operates within a legal framework that provides an oversight for funding and services for students with disabilities aged 3-22 in the public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPAs) allows for local control of both funding and programs to best meet the needs of their unique populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of SELPAs allows for the collaboration and cooperation of member districts to provide regionalized programs and services to the students they serve in the least restrictive environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of SELPAs allows for the professional development of administrators, teachers and other professionals to serve students with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the system of SELPAs provides a mechanism where legalities and best practices for serving students with disabilities and their families;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District that we support maintaining special education as a categorical funding program with SELPAs in a regional role to continue coordinating funding and services in the best interests of students with disabilities.

Signed:

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