



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 23/24-13
Dyslexia Awareness Month October 2023

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a disorder in one or more of the basic neurobiological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may have manifested itself in the imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, and spell; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia typically results from a deficit in the phonological component of language which causes difficulty in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language, which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia occurs on a continuum of severity affecting individuals from different cultural, linguistic, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences of dyslexia may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, individuals with dyslexia have strengths in higher level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving; and

WHEREAS, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, early identification of dyslexia is critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention that leads to the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodations so as to ensure school and life success; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District recognizes that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed and proclaims a commitment to provide every student with evidence-based instruction they need to achieve literacy and to ensure staff have the knowledge, support and tools necessary for identification and intervention for students at risk of dyslexia; and designates October 2023 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month".

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Keisha Nzewi, Board President

Erin McFerrin, Board Vice President

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Debra Mason, Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 09/27/2023
