



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 21/22-19
Dyslexia Awareness Month October 2021

WHEREAS dyslexia is defined as a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities, that are often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; 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 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 designates October 2021 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month".

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS :

Cherise Khaund, Board President

Debra Mason, Board Vice President

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 10/13/2021
