

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2016**

**Resolution No. 16/17-11**

**WHEREAS**, defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading in an individual who has the intelligence to be a much better reader, dyslexia reflects a difficulty in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language which typically impacts speaking, reading, spelling, and often, learning a second language; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is highly prevalent, affecting one out of five individuals in some form, and is persistent; and

**WHEREAS**, dyslexia is a paradox, so that often the same individual who has a weakness in decoding or reading fluency also has strengths in higher level cognitive functions such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, and problem solving; and

**WHEREAS**, great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia at a scientific level, including its epidemiology, and cognitive and neurobiological bases; and

**WHEREAS**, diagnosis of dyslexia is critical, and must lead to focused, evidence-based interventions, necessary accommodations, self-awareness, self-empowerment, and school and life success;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District that all schools in this district recognize that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed and be celebrated during October 2016 and throughout the year.

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