

## **MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Resolution #16/17-16**

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goals indicates "all students will receive a high quality education in a safe and welcoming environment" and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Diablo community is committed to supporting the young people in our schools as they make positive choices that lead to successful futures; and

**WHEREAS**, staff fully supports an Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in which the schools will have flexibility to carry out anti-bullying activities within that month. The students' participation in anti-bullying activities should provide the opportunity for the following to occur:

- Allow students to speak honestly about their experiences with bullying and find solace in the knowledge that other have been in similar situations.
- Allow students to learn of the various forms of bullying including cyber, verbal, physical, exclusion, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) bullying.
- Help students become aware of bullying on campus and the consequences of their actions.
- Support students to come up with solutions to stop bullying and enforce positive interactions between students.
- Engage teachers and parents in raising awareness if a student is being bullied.
- Invite the media to further emphasize the importance of taking a stand against bullying.
- Help empower students in the recognition of the role everyone plays in addressing and reducing bullying with the goal to eradicate bullying on all school campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, all elementary, middle, and high schools will coordinate anti-bullying activities at the beginning of each new school year in the month of October, during a week or days of their choosing.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District declares October as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month and the Superintendent and other appropriate staff will initiate anti-bullying activities at all schools, among all students to be planned, coordinated, and implemented by the individual school site students and staff.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education encourages parents/guardians and the community to support the work of the students and staff.

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