

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Anti-Bullying Awareness Month

Resolution #17/18-13

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 others have been in similar situations
- Allow student 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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Date