

**MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION No. 18/19-48  
In Support of Adult Education in K-12**

**WHEREAS**, the first recorded adult education class in California held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856 was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants; and John Swett being the first volunteer teacher for the class later becoming the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Adult Schools have been called upon many times to assist the State of California to help with significant social, political, and economic issues of the day, providing job training programs for skilled and under-skilled workers to support the State and nation during times of crisis during the Great Depression and World War II; and millions of residents through the years have prepared at California adult schools and have successfully become U.S. citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, adult education in California overcame its greatest challenge in 2008-2009, directly resulting from the major economic crisis in California and the nation, and funding previously dedicated for adult education in California was redistributed within the California educational system decreasing the capacity to serve adults in K-12 districts, and many adult education programs were closed during this period; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mt. Diablo USD Adult Education** successfully served 7,585 adult students in 2017-18, and the Contra Costa County Adult Education Consortium (CCCAEC), a collaboration among the seven (7) K-12 District Adult Education institutions, the three (3) Community Colleges and the Contra Costa County of Education (CCCOE) Jail Education Program in West County, collectively serve approximately 40,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve **Concord, Bay Point, and parts of Pittsburg, Martinez, and Walnut Creek** that fall within MDUSD boundaries, including: course categories outlined in AB104 (2015) such as High School Diploma and Equivalency, English as a Second Language (ESL), Family Literacy, English Literacy Civics, Citizenship Preparation, Career Technical Education including Allied Health, and other workforce preparation training; and Mt. Diablo Adult Education has for many years provided the MDUSD community Parent Education and Life Long Education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018-2019, Mt. Diablo Adult Education a founding member of the newly-formed Contra Costa Workforce Collaborative (CCWC), through its contracting with CCWC was authorized by the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County (WDBCCC), to serve as an "Access Point" for the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) at the Loma Vista Adult Center; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** served 619 adult students in the High School Diploma and High School Equivalency Programs in 2017-18; and a total of 39 students earned their high school diploma, and 40 students earned their GED in 2017-18; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** served 2,144 students in the English as a Second Language (ESL), Family Literacy, English Literacy Civics and Citizenship Preparation in 2017-18, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a week tutoring their own children; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mt. Diablo Adult Education** provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District** strongly affirms supporting Adult Education as an important part of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the **Mt. Diablo Unified School District** strongly urges the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, and the California Legislature to increase Adult Education funding to ensure increased access to programs and services to the most in-need and as yet unreached members of our great State.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENCES:

ABSTENTIONS:

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BOARD SECRETARY

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BOARD PRESIDENT