



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

RESOLUTION 22/23-7

Attendance Awareness Month September 2022

WHEREAS, daily attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our attention to ensuring that all students have access to rich and supportive learning opportunities in all instructional settings,

WHEREAS, as the ripple effects of the pandemic continue to rattle the nation, paying attention to attendance is more crucial than ever. In schools, students must be present and actively engaged in learning if we are to recover from the pandemic.

Attendance Works shared that chronic absence rates may have more than doubled from pre-pandemic levels, one out of six students were missing too many days of school. Chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school) is an early warning sign that students are at risk of not reading proficiently by the end of third grade, struggling academically in middle school and dropping out of high school; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Diablo Unified School District staff are encouraged to promote “Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L.,”

WHEREAS, **We shall promote building Routines:** Daily attendance routines, can reduce stress for student and families and create a sense of safety and security; and

WHEREAS, **We shall promote Engagement:** Being in school helps students to get to know peers, teachers and school staff, and to create trusting relationships that motivate students to participate in learning; and

WHEREAS, **We shall provide Access to Resources:** We will help students and families gain access to basic resources such as meals, physical and mental health services, and fun enrichment activities including sports, clubs, music, afterschool and summer programs.

WHEREAS, **We shall promote Learning:** Learning is most meaningful when it is active, social and allows students to apply concepts to real life situations. Showing up to school regularly helps students engage in learning that builds proficiency in reading and math that will help them to graduate from high school.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District proclaims that our schools will stand with the nation in recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month”. We hereby commit to our continued focus on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all students an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Specifically, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District will:

- Continue to support school site staff to regularly monitor attendance to prevent chronic absenteeism and identify students who may be struggling with attendance and academic achievement.
- Continue to partner with the Contra Costa County Office of Education and use the resources from Attendance Works to develop incentive programs and strategies to reduce absenteeism and promote more student engagement.
- Engage families, schools, community partners, and use a variety of media to help spread the message that, “We will never forget Covid-19 and how it affected our lives and our school experiences. However, now it is time to rebound strong by attending school daily!

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Debra Mason, Board President

Keisha Nzewi, Board Vice President

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Linda Mayo, Board Member

Erin McFerrin, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

Resolution 22/23-07

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