

**BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION 17-039 in Support of the Chess Program in the Berkeley Unified School District and in Appreciation of Elizabeth Shaughnessy, the Berkeley Chess School and In Dulci Jubililo, Inc.

WHEREAS, the game of chess can help youth develop critical thinking, logic, problem-solving skills, determination and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, playing chess can be played between people who speak different languages, providing a valuable educational and cultural opportunity for any student; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Chess School has furthered chess education for youth in its long-standing relationship with Berkeley public schools, beginning when the school's founder and President, Elizabeth Shaughnessy, taught the first class at Oxford Elementary School in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Barbara Lee has honored the Berkeley Chess School with a certificate of special recognition for its dedication to Alameda County's children; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Loni Hancock, with support from the Berkeley Chess School, sponsored the Senate resolution that made October California's "Chess Month"; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Community Fund honored the Berkeley Chess School for meritorious service for enriching the lives of children of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Chess School, In Dulci Jubililo, Inc., and the U.S. Chess Federation sponsor chess in the Berkeley Unified School District in the first through twelfth grades by providing chess instruction to students and establishing school teams; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Chess School plans to initiate and supervise tournaments between school teams and establish BUSD Champion Teams and Schools through a final tournament; and

WHEREAS, the school teams and competition foster teamwork and expand the opportunities for students to experience the benefits of chess education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, at no cost, to fully support and encourage the chess program in the School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley Unified School District thanks Elizabeth Shaughnessy, the Berkeley Chess School and In Dulci Jubilo, Inc., for their support in developing chess training and teams and that BUSD encourage other groups to offer their skills and training to BUSD students in a similar manner.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District, this 2nd day of November, 2016, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Judy Appel, Clerk
Board of Education