

RESOLUTION NO. 18/19-20
SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO TO PROMOTE AND COMPLETE THE CENSUS TO ENSURE
A FAIR, ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE COUNT.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the United States (US) Constitution, every 10 years, the federal government is required to count all residents in the United States, citizens and noncitizens, through a national census; and

WHEREAS, the next national census, scheduled to begin in April 2020, is central to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, a primary and perpetual challenge facing the U.S. Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups; and

WHEREAS, California has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

WHEREAS, there are over 100 languages spoken in the County; and

WHEREAS, 34.8 percent of residents in the County are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, the data collected by the decennial Census, determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils; and

WHEREAS, California receives nearly \$77,000,000,000 in federal funding that is allocated, in part, based on census data; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Census is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, increasingly diverse and mobile populations, thus support from partners and stakeholders is critical; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of California's population is essential; and

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, California's leaders have dedicated a historic amount of funding and resources to ensure every Californian is counted once, only once, and in the right place; and

WHEREAS, this includes coordination between city, county, state governments, community-based organizations, education and many more; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and encourages residents of the County of San Mateo to promote and complete the census to ensure a fair, accurate, and complete count.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Mateo-Foster City School District at the regular meeting held on the 27th day of February of 2020 by the following vote;

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ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees