

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 29/20-21

**CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK ON MAY 3-7, 2021
AND
DAY OF THE TEACHER ON MAY 12, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Week of May 3-7, 2021 has been designated as Certificated Employee Appreciation Week and May 12, 2021 as Day of the Teacher; and

WHEREAS, an outbreak of COVID 19 forced school and health officers to close schools on March 16, 2020 to prevent the spread of the disease and SMFCSD schools reopened schools on March 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff including substitute teachers have shown incredible resilience and flexibility to implement distance learning, rose to the challenge to implement a hybrid model and pivoted once again for a full return to school while ensuring students' academic, social and emotional well-being;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff have spent countless hours collaborating with colleagues, participating in professional development and reflecting on their practice to grow culturally responsive classrooms that include read aloud stories from various backgrounds and space for students to share their language and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff go beyond the call of duty to enrich education for students by personally delivering leveled readers to students' doorsteps, leading Study Action Book Clubs, providing additional academic support in literacy and math after school and running enrichment activities including creative writing and team sports; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District certificated support staff and substitute teachers are recognized for running learning hubs, administering weekly COVID testing, counseling struggling students individually and in small groups, leading CARE team meetings to ensure no child slips through the cracks and returning to the classroom to teach students in person;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff embrace and increased their expertise related to technology to create interactive virtual experiences, collaborate with colleagues online, produce informational videos for students and families and teach simultaneously with students in person and at home;

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District recognizes that these are only a few examples of the resiliency shown by dedicated educators who find a way to navigate difficult circumstances because of their commitment to students;

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District community recognizes the extraordinary undertaking, hard work and resilience of its teachers and certificated staff in educating its children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the San Mateo-Foster City School District's teachers and certificated staff and does hereby proclaim the week of May 3-7 as Certificated Staff Appreciation Week and May 12 as Day of the Teacher; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees strongly encourages all members of our community to join them in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers and certificated staff for their dedication to their work.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 6th day of May 2021.

AYES _____

NOES _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees