

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 30/20-21

**CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 17-21, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Week of May 17-21, 2021 has been designated as Classified School Employee Appreciation Week; 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 classified staff were the first employees to return to work in-person showing incredible resilience and flexibility to implement distance learning, a hybrid model and a full return to school all in the same year while ensuring students' academic, social and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District classified staff support safe schools by supervising during ingress and egress, setting up classrooms to maintain safe physical distancing, cleaning and disinfecting sites, testing staff for COVID weekly and adjusting the HVAC system for optimum health and safety; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District classified staff support student learning by leading hub classes, delivering instructional materials to homes in the evenings and on weekends, stepping into the role of preschool teacher for the first time and facilitating ELPAC testing for students; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District classified staff have stretched themselves professionally to learn new technology skills, provide students with support remotely, teach PE through the use of videos and problem solve to allow students access to library books; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District classified staff embrace students and families from widely differing backgrounds by creating a Spanish Family Resources website, translating notices in multiple languages, assisting parents to load wellness apps and acting as a bridge for families to resources in the community; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District classified staff through the strength of their character deliver food to homes, are the first friendly face the public sees, make numerous calls to check in on struggling families, ask the question, How else can I help?" and continue to maintain a "Can do" attitude; and

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

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District community recognizes the extraordinary undertaking, hard work and resilience of its classified 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 classified staff and proclaim the week of May 17-21, 2021 as Classified School Employee Appreciation Week; 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 classified staff for their dedication and commitment to their work.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 20th day of May 2021.

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NOES _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees