

LGUSD BOARD RESOLUTION # 07-20-21

SUPPORTING HOME LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Los Gatos Union School District is committed to supporting multilingualism as a fundamental part of increasing intercultural understanding and international-mindedness;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD is committed to extending access to an education for students from a variety of cultural and linguistic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD believes in the importance of bringing awareness of and appreciation for home languages within the LGUSD community;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD believes a strong foundation in the home language facilitates the learning of a second language;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD believes children who see their home language valued build a positive and healthy self-identity and stronger sense of pride in their cultural and linguistic heritage;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD recognizes and celebrates minority languages as being equally as important as the dominant language;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD values multilingualism because it fosters a welcoming school environment of inclusivity and diversity;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD believes there is a growing need for individuals who are proficient in two or more languages in today's world economy and socio-political climate;

WHEREAS, the LGUSD is committed to supporting its Strategic Plan goals to foster international mindedness, explore world languages TK-5, and educate students for global citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, to meet the LGUSD's beliefs and commitments, the District will implement the following action:

- Recognize and support Lexington Elementary School's "Pathway to Multiliteracy" initiative to encourage students to learn multiple languages and eventually pursue the Seal of Biliteracy Certificate in high school;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Los Gatos Union School District, Los Gatos, California at a public meeting thereof duly called and held on June 8, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

I, Stephen Parsons, Board President of the Board of Trustees of the Los Gatos Union School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at a duly called and conducted meeting held on June 8, 2021.

Stephen Parsons

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Paul Johnson

Superintendent of Los Gatos Union School District and Secretary to the Board of Trustees