

**SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 30/20-21**

**IN RECOGNITION OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
BY DR. JOAN ROSAS, SUPERINTENDENT**

WHEREAS, Dr. Joan Rosas has devoted 30 years of public service to the San Mateo-Foster City School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosas began her career in the District as Assistant Principal at Bayside Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Dr. Rosas became the first Principal of Fiesta Gardens International School, one of the first Spanish Immersion magnet programs in San Mateo County, where, over the ensuing years, she developed an outstanding program, widely recognized throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosas continued her career in the District as the Director of Instruction, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources until she accepted a position as Associate Superintendent of Student Services with the San Mateo County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees enthusiastically chose Dr. Rosas to be the next Superintendent of the School District after a national search, a position that she has held since July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Superintendent, improved programs for English Learners have been established in all schools; new language arts, math and science curriculum and materials have been adopted; the two K-8 Montessori programs have been stabilized and expanded; and the Bayside STEM Middle School was expanded to a K-8 Academy; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, improvements to the District's Special Education program were made and the Special Education District Advisory Committee was revitalized and enhanced; the Equity Task Force and Sanctuary Task Force were established; a Labor Management Initiative was created to enhance collaboration between the labor unions and the District; and a Local Control and Accountability Plan was expanded to improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosas oversaw the implementation of the voter-approved Measure V parcel tax which stabilized the District finances, helped the District retain highly qualified staff, and provided additional funds for programs focused on student wellness and mental health with school counselors hired for every school; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Rosas's guidance and direction, Measure L facility projects were completed and the District earned the voters' confidence which resulted in the passage of a new facility bond in 2015 (Measures X) which provided funding for new facilities including three new gyms and locker rooms, a new elementary school in Foster City (Beach Park Elementary), a new school in North Central San Mateo, additional classrooms at three middle schools, and new multipurpose buildings at two elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, a Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade was developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 30, 2020, which resulted in another bond measure (Measure T) passed by the voters by a

wide margin in November 2020 to fund health, safety and other projects at every District school including the addition of air conditioning, four new multipurpose buildings and the Bowditch Build/Rebuild/Renovate Project; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Rosas's last fifteen months as Superintendent, her well-honed leadership skills and unwavering support for the District's students, administrators, teachers, staff and families were essential as she led the School District through the COVID-19 pandemic including when all education in the School District pivoted from in-classroom instruction to distance learning; technology access and usage for every student and staff became essential to connection and learning; new online management systems and new curriculum tools were implemented and accompanied by professional development for all staff; and focus and support for students struggling academically and emotionally were prioritized--all in the midst of ever-changing information and direction from Federal, State and County authorities; and

WHEREAS, in the final months of the 2020-2021 school year, Dr. Rosas successfully reopened all District schools safely for in-person learning with a distance learning option.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees recognizes the tremendous service that Dr. Joan Rosas has provided to the San Mateo-Foster City School District and hereby dedicates the newly constructed Bayside Gym in her honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo-Foster City School District strongly encourages all members of our community to join in personally expressing their appreciation to Dr. Joan Rosas for her dedication and commitment to the San Mateo-Foster City School District community.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Mateo-Foster City School District at its regular meeting held on the 24th of June, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES _____

NOES _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Governing Board