

## **San Mateo Union High School District**

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### *Recognizing June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the San Mateo Union High School District*

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Union High School District is committed to supporting dignity, equity, and visibility for all people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo Union School District has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and/or Questioning (LGBTQIA+) community; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents, students, family members, and school personnel are part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and/or questioning community, and they contribute greatly to the enrichment of our SMUHSD schools; and

**WHEREAS**, although advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ persons, LGBTQIA+ persons still face discrimination simply for being who they are, thus making it important for all districts and all communities to stand up and show support for all our students, staff, and families who are affected; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMUHSD community pledges to uphold our values and champion our responsibility to protect and support all youth by guaranteeing they have access to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, and free of any discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Equity Mission Statement affirms that "All students will learn in a safe, inclusive and equitable environment that validates, respects and honors their unique backgrounds, interests and identities" and that this Mission Statement grounds our commitment to our LGBTQIA+ community members; and

**WHEREAS**, many cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, June has historically become a symbolic month in America in which LGBTQIA+ persons and allies come together in various celebrations of pride to support the community's right to live their lives out loud; and

**WHEREAS**, we continue to work closely with our LGBTQIA+ Community members on our shared goals of developing and implementing ongoing educational, equity, and visibility projects for our LGBTQIA+ students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the San Mateo Union High School District does hereby declare the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in our schools and invites everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding.

**FURTHERMORE**, SMUHSD will recognize June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month by flying the Rainbow Flag and/or the Progress Flag at the District Office and all of our schools during the month of June.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of May, 2022 at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the San Mateo Union High School District. by the following vote.

AYES: MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

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Peter Hanley, President of the Board of Trustees

Attest:

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Kevin Skelly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees