



# Board of Education

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## SEAL OF BILITERACY

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### Resolution No. 21-22/69

**WHEREAS**, mastery of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, understanding of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the study of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the study of world languages contributes towards our national economy and our national security; and,

**WHEREAS**, multiple languages are a critical element in enabling our city and state to participate effectively in a global political, social and economic context; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California K-16 Master Plan for Education call for pupils to graduate with the ability to communicate in two or more languages; and,

**WHEREAS**, the demand for employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing both in California and throughout the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, our state is home to speakers from hundreds of different language and cultural groups, and to build trust and understanding across the multiple language and cultural groups in our diverse community requires multilingual skills of communication; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite the 2007 veto by Governor Schwarzenegger of AB 280, several districts throughout the state, are awarding graduates with a seal of biliteracy and all students deserve the same opportunity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Californians Together, a statewide coalition committed to securing equal access to quality education for all children has developed a Seal of Biliteracy Program and implementation guidelines for pupils who graduate literate in two or more languages;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of Lynwood Unified School District will promote the development of multilingual and multicultural competence and to provide recognition of the attainment of those needed and important skills through the Seal of Biliteracy and the Pathway to Biliteracy Awards;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting of the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Education.

Passed and Adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on June 9, 2022.

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