## IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16-17-42**

A RESOLUTION OF THE IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION'S AFFIRMATION, COMMITMENT, AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

**WHEREAS,** The Irvine Unified School District's core values include, but are not limited to: nurturing the diverse gifts and capabilities within each individual; challenging every student and adult learner to persevere for excellence; developing competent, resourceful, resilient, and empowered learners prepared to meet the challenges of a complex future; and enhancing the human capability for courage, compassion, and contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Irvine Unified School District Board of Education believes that a system of quality public education is one of the essential foundations to make a meaningful difference in today's and tomorrow's world; and

**WHEREAS,** the Irvine Unified School District Board of Education believes that education is the most important asset in maximizing the opportunities of an individual and a community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Irvine Unified School District Board of Education believes that without quality public education a great divide will exist between the educated and the uneducated, corresponding to a divide between the prosperous and the impoverished; and

**WHEREAS,** the Irvine Unified School District Board of Education believes that well-funded, effective public schools are essential to developing empowered learners prepared to meet the challenges of a complex future; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools have a positive impact every day on the lives of countless students; dedicated school board members and school district employees who work countless hours to provide for the needs of learners of all ages, and

**WHEREAS**, quality public education for every child is integral to the democratic viability and economic future of our nation, by directly and indirectly contributing to the intellectual and physical development of all learners, regardless of heritage or circumstance; and

**WHEREAS,** all human beings have the capacity to learn at high levels and quality public education is the key to every learner having boundless opportunities to reach his or her dreams regardless of heritage or circumstance; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential for erosion of financial support for public education serves to deepen the inequalities and diminish the opportunities for every child; and

**WHEREAS,** as a student's first model of civic engagement, public education is both a product of, and a tribute to, our democratic principles. As always, we will defend those principles, students, and the integrity of our public schools.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the commitment to excellence is the hallmark of the Irvine Unified School District. As a school and community partnership, our promise is to provide the highest quality educational experience we can envision;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Irvine Unified School District is committed to ensuring students have access to a free, high-quality education that addresses the needs of the whole child, a commitment to anti-discriminatory policies and practices, and support for a safe and welcoming school environment for every student, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or socioeconomic background;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education does hereby affirm its support for the public education system.

<b>ADOPTED</b> by the Board of Education of the Irvine Unified School District this day of, 2017.
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ABSENT:
STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
) ss. COUNTY OF ORANGE )
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Clerk of the Board of Education