

Milpitas Unified School District  
Board of Education

**RESOLUTION: 2017.29**  
**A Resolution Declaring the Week of April 2 – 8, 2017**  
**Adult Education Week in the Milpitas Unified School District**

WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Adult Schools have been called upon on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues. Examples include: job training programs during the Great Depression; training skilled and under skilled workers during World War II; and preparing millions of residents for citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education successfully serves the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community based organizations through the Adult Education Block Grant System. Milpitas Adult Education has served around 1300 students in the 2016-17 school year; and

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve the surrounding communities, including class categories outlined in AB 104 (2015).

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education serves students in the High School Diploma and HSE Programs in the 2016-17 school year. The programs help minimize the high school dropout rate.

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education serves students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in the 2016-17 school year, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year tutoring their own children; and

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education provides one of the largest Adult Education corrections program in the state of California at Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas and at the Main Jail in San Jose; and

WHEREAS, the Milpitas Adult Education has helped reduce the recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Milpitas Adult Education provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Milpitas Unified School District strongly supports supporting Adult Education as an important part of the Milpitas School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Milpitas Unified School District do hereby proclaim April 2, 2017 through April 8, 2017, as **Adult Education Week** in the Milpitas Unified School District and salutes the students and staff of Milpitas Adult Education and honor their efforts and accomplishments throughout the week so stated.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Milpitas Unified School District on March 28, 2017 by the following called vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstentions:

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Daniel Bobay  
Board President

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Chris Norwood  
Board Clerk