

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RECOGNIZING ADULT EDUCATION WEEK: APRIL 8-12, 2019

WHEREAS, that from April 8-12, 2019, the State of California will observe Adult Education Week, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, its staff and Board of Education, acknowledge that our Adult School serves the changing economic and cultural needs of a vigorous, expanding community; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides for the unique needs of individuals in a diverse population; and

WHEREAS, Adult School is a primary community resource for the teaching and instruction of adult literacy; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides instruction to those in our community who need English as a Second Language and Citizenship courses; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides English as a Second Language classes, from literacy to advanced throughout the SMMUSD community; and

WHEREAS, Adult School, recognizing that to break the cycle of illiteracy we must focus on educating parents, provides programs in Family Literacy; and

WHEREAS, many high school dropouts do not have the literacy skills to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or vocational training, or become employed; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides Adult Basic Education, High School Diploma and High School Equivalency (HSE)/Alternative classes for adults in need of basic and secondary academic skills and credentials; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides a way for adults to complete high school studies in their own time and pace; and

WHEREAS, Adult School provides GED testing facilities and GED test preparation for adults in need of secondary academic skills and credentials; and

WHEREAS, as a result of family literacy programs, the lives of children become more stable, and their success in the classroom and in future endeavors becomes more likely; and

WHEREAS, parental involvement in a child's education is a key predictor of a child's success, and the level of parental involvement in a child's education increases as the educational level of the parent increases; and

WHEREAS, the economy and our country's position in the world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of all citizens in local economic and workforce development is critical to healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica Regional Consortium for Adult Education, partnership between SMMUSD Adult Education Center and Santa Monica College, collectively provide regional plans for adult education prioritizing adult secondary education (high school diploma, GED completion), literacy, and workforce preparation; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is designating April 8-12, 2019, as California Adult Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, the literacy of the people of the United States is essential for the economic and societal well-being of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District acknowledges that its Adult Education program serves the local community by providing a range of critical educational programs, which support the economic and societal wellbeing of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education proclaims the week of April 8-12, 2019, as California Adult Education Week in the SMMUSD community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education salutes the administration, teachers, and students of its Adult Education program and honors their efforts and accomplishments on this day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 2nd day of May 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein
Board President

Dr. Ben Drati
Superintendent