

**SAN RAFAEL CITY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #1665**

Resolution in Support of the Global Book Exchange (GBE)

WHEREAS, the Global Book Exchange (GBE) provides valuable educational and environmental services to the Marin community, and does so on a voluntary basis; and

WHEREAS, GBE's services benefit each of Marin's school districts; and

WHEREAS, GBE's services are generally unavailable through programs otherwise supported by our school districts, including:

- receiving discarded but usable textbooks and library books, supporting schools' environmental consciousness and saving schools dump fees;
- saving school dollars by offering to Marin teachers free or low-cost books, workbooks, library books and other supplementary educational materials;
- providing books for children to own, especially children from disadvantaged families, via class field trips and teacher visits;
- offering meaningful community service opportunities to Marin County's middle and high school students;
- mobilizing community organizations, such as Rotary, to engage in projects supporting Marin's classroom teachers and students;
- finding second homes for the books in Marin classrooms supporting –for example – first-year teachers who need an "instant" supply of grade-level materials, teachers who serve students with special needs, teachers who need extra copies of texts due to growing enrollment, teachers who build classroom libraries or give books to students as rewards and for vacation reading;
- shipping thousands of Marin schools' discarded books to schools and orphanages in developing countries and to U.S. disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, current funding sources are not sufficient to sustain these programs;

AND WHEREAS, though joint and parallel efforts Marin school districts can reach goals important to us all;

Resolution 1665 (continued)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of San Rafael City Schools lauds and supports the work of the Global Book Exchange.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Michael R. Watenpugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Date

Natu Tuatagaloa, President, Board of Education

Date