

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION
October as National “Dyslexia Awareness Month”**

WHEREAS, Orange Unified School District recognizes that our children are our most valuable resource and we must provide opportunities for all students to learn and grow;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health defines dyslexia as an inheritable and highly prevalent language-based disability affecting 1 in 5 individuals;

WHEREAS, dyslexia—meaning “difficulty with words”—is one of the several distinct learning disabilities and is characterized by challenges in processing language when decoding oral and written words;

WHEREAS, dyslexia deeply affects a student’s ability to read, write, spell and comprehend and may also affect a student’s overall well-being;

WHEREAS, students with dyslexia, especially those who are not identified and are reading below grade level at the end of third grade, often experience difficulties with depression, anxiety, and poor self-image and rarely catch up to their peers and, as a result, underperform in school and are at a greater risk for dropping out;

WHEREAS, with proper identification, appropriate instruction, accommodation, access to assistive technologies, support from families, teachers and friends, individuals with dyslexia can excel in school and employment;

WHEREAS, our school district works to inform and empower families and educators with the most current research-based practices to promote literacy development and to prepare students for a hopeful and productive future;

WHEREAS, our school district recognizes the many gifts and strengths associated with dyslexia, including entrepreneurship, creative thinking, and excellence in the arts and sports;

WHEREAS, to assist parents, educators and individuals, the International Dyslexia Association has designated October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange Unified School District Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 2020, Dyslexia Awareness Month in the Orange Unified School District and encourages staff members, families, and the community to collaborate to raise awareness and understanding in so much as to identify, treat, and prevent problems associated with dyslexia.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2020

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