

Laguna Beach Unified School District

Resolution 19-10: Support of Dyslexia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is defined as an unexpected difficulty in reading for an individual who is expected to be a much better reader;

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a difficulty in identifying the individual sounds of spoken language, which then affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language;

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability and affects 80 to 90 percent of all individuals with a learning disability;

WHEREAS, An individual with dyslexia may have weakness in decoding or reading fluency and strength in higher level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving;


WHEREAS, Great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia;


WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical to ensure individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention allowing the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodations to ensure school and life success;

WHEREAS, The California State Parent Teacher Association (PTA) recognizes dyslexia has significant educational implications that need to be addressed by public schools and school districts; and the California State Senate has adopted a resolution recognizing and designating October as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Laguna Beach Unified School District is committed to creating the conditions and culture that supports world class learners and is committed to improve the understanding of dyslexia and its warning signs, appropriate evidence-based structured literacy instruction, and appropriate classroom accommodations and modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Laguna Beach Unified School District, recognizes that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed, and designates October 2019 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."


Jan Vickers, President
Board of Education


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Superintendent of Schools

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