

## Laguna Beach Unified School District

### Resolution 20-14: Support of Dyslexia Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, Dyslexia is defined as a learning disability that involves difficulties in acquiring and processing language and that is typically manifested by a lack of proficiency in reading, spelling, writing, and pronouncing words; These neurobiological challenges have no connection to a dyslexic person's overall intelligence, creativity, and ingenuity;

**WHEREAS**, Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives; however, its impact can change at different stages in a person's life. It is referred to as a learning disability because dyslexia can make it very difficult for a student to succeed academically in the typical instructional environment;

**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;

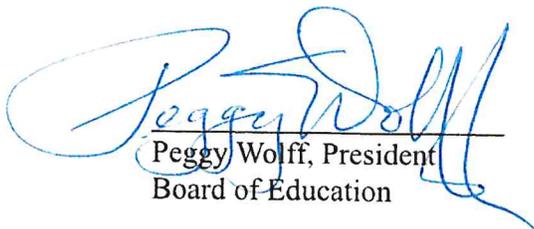
**WHEREAS**, Great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia;

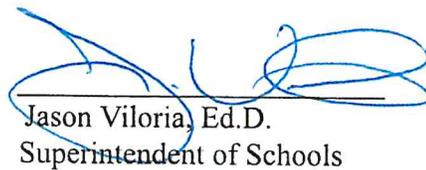
**WHEREAS**, Early diagnosis of dyslexia is critical to ensure individuals with dyslexia receive focused, evidence-based intervention allowing the promotion of self-awareness and self-empowerment and the provision of necessary accommodations to ensure school and life success;

**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 2020 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

  
Peggy Wolff, President  
Board of Education

  
Jason Vilorio, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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