

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-24

Recognizing

School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, a strong public education system is essential to the individual and collective well-being of our nation and the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes the month of January as **School Board Recognition Month** to honor and pay tribute to school board members who are dedicated to the success of students and their school community; and

WHEREAS, **School Board Recognition Month** is an opportunity to build awareness and understanding about the crucial role an elected board of trustees play in establishing structure and setting direction for our public schools; and

WHEREAS, school board members give generously of their time by preparing for and attending meetings, listening closely to parents, educational professionals, and community members, responding to constituents, participating in board training and development opportunities, and attending community events; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children, are strong advocates for public education, and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and public's expectations to the district, and

WHEREAS, aiming to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and their academic achievement, school board members are responsible for building and maintaining the structure that provides a solid foundation for their school system; and

WHEREAS, our public education system faced unprecedented times as a result of the pandemic and local school boards are now working to ensure students receive the support to heal, learn, grow, and progress stronger and healthier; and

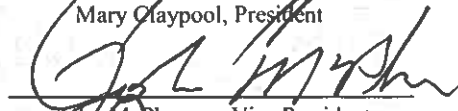
WHEREAS, to safeguard the health and safety of their school community, school board members are focusing to address the social-emotional, physical and mental health needs of students, while accelerating academic achievement and supporting educator and staff stability and well-being; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education hereby declares appreciation to members of school boards and proclaims the month of January 2023, as **School Board Recognition Month**, and urges all community members to join them in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of our children.

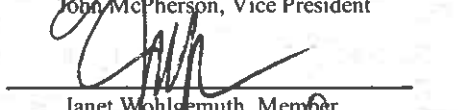
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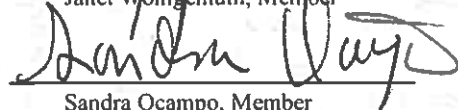
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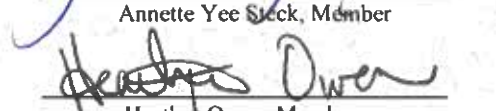
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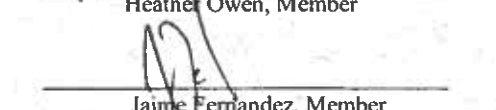
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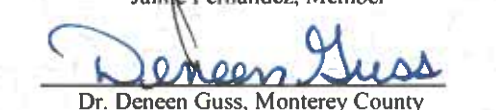
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