

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-13

Recognizing

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes the month of October as **California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** to honor school bus drivers, acknowledge the important role they play in the educational day of students, and pay tribute to the service and support they provide to our Monterey County schools and school districts; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County school bus drivers transport thousands of students to and from school and must constantly stay alert, especially in traffic and bad weather, drive defensively in awareness of inattentive or disrespectful drivers, and exercise particular caution when children are getting on and off the bus; and

WHEREAS, transportation professionals take great pride in their jobs and in supporting their organizations, and the Monterey County Board of Education commends the numerous ways that school bus drivers have stepped in to assist with a variety of challenges and the additional responsibilities throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, with courtesy, professionalism, skill, and preparedness, school bus drivers understand the great responsibility they have for other people's children by maintaining order on the bus and at bus stops and transporting children safely; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers undergo extensive training which covers important procedures including state laws, defensive driving, student management, emergency evacuation drills, school bus safety lessons, and accommodating special needs of children; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education's Transportation Department plays an important role in promoting and offering driver training programs to school districts and drivers; and

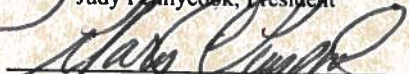
WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education's Transportation Department team safeguards the transportation of our County's most fragile students who need highly specialized intensive services and may require use of specialized equipment such as wheelchairs, car seats, and supportive vests; and


WHEREAS, emphasizing another excellent opportunity for parents, students, teachers, motorists, and the community to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety is National School Bus Safety Week, observed from October 17-21, 2022, and highlights the theme: *1 Bus + 1 Driver = A BIG Impact on Education*;

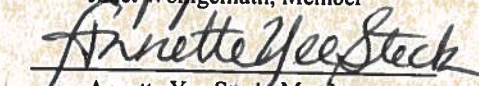
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-13 to recognize the month of October as **California School Bus Safety Awareness Month** and to recognize all of our school bus drivers for their excellent service to the students and school personnel of Monterey County.

Passed and Adopted on the
Fourteenth Day of September, 2022


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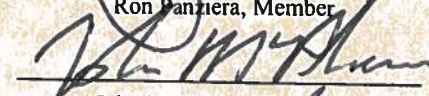

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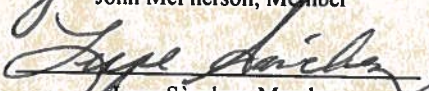

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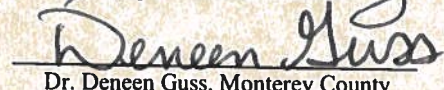

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