

San Mateo Union High School District
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation
June 1-30, 2023

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Union High School District is committed to supporting dignity, equity, and visibility for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Union School District has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community along with SMUHSD allies; and

WHEREAS, many students, family members, educators, and community members are part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and/or questioning community, and they contribute greatly to the enrichment of our SMUHSD schools; and

WHEREAS, although advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ persons, LGBTQIA+ persons still face discrimination simply for being who they are, thus making it essential for all districts and all communities to stand up and show support for all our students, staff, and families who are affected; and

WHEREAS, the SMUHSD community pledges to uphold our values and champion our responsibility to protect and support all youth by guaranteeing they have access to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, and free of any discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the District's Equity Mission Statement affirms that "All students will learn in a safe, inclusive and equitable environment that validates, respects and honors their unique backgrounds, interests and identities" and that this Mission Statement grounds our commitment to our LGBTQIA+ community members; and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD was the leader in planning and promoting the first-ever countywide Pride Prom in San Mateo County this April. The event was attended by over 175 students and over 50 adult volunteers. Leaders of this event raised over \$12,000, thereby making the event free and accessible to all who wanted to attend; and

WHEREAS, June has historically become a symbolic month in America in which LGBTQIA+ persons and allies come together in various celebrations of pride to support the community's right to live their lives out loud. Many school districts across the United States, including SMUHSD, recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, we continue to work closely with our LGBTQIA+ Community members on our shared goals of developing and implementing ongoing educational, equity, and visibility projects for our LGBTQIA+ students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the San Mateo Union High School District does

hereby declare the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in our schools and invites the members of our community to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo Union High School District on the 18th day of May, 2023

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Randall Booker, Superintendent

Greg Land, President Board of Trustees