

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #24-43

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, Good school attendance is critical to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to reducing chronic absenteeism rates; and

WHEREAS, Chronic absence, missing 10 percent or more of school, which can be only two or three days a month, including both excused and unexcused absences, is a proven forecaster of academic problems; and

WHEREAS, Chronic absence in kindergarten and first grade predicts students are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of third grade, which often results in course failure and subsequent dropout, which weakens our community; and

WHEREAS, School attendance improves, and chronic absenteeism is notably reduced with community-wide involvement to monitor and promote good attendance and address obstacles which keep children from getting to school; and

WHEREAS, California enacted the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which encourages school districts to track and establish goals and specific actions for reducing chronic absence; and

WHEREAS, Chronic absence worsens the achievement gap between low-income students from their peers, as those students are more likely to be chronically absent and affected scholastically and socially by missing school; and

WHEREAS, Improving school climate, reducing instruction missed due to discipline policies and out-of-school suspensions, and implementing school wide positive behavior intervention and support systems and restorative justice practices can have a significant impact on improving attendance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declares the month of September 2024 as Attendance Awareness Month and support activities to increase awareness of the importance of daily attendance, especially in the early grades Pre K-3.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August 2024.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution

Patricia Murray
Frankie Lee
Andrew
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ATTEST:

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Secretary/Clerk of the Board
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