

SAN MATEO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

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Resolution in Support of Protecting Students with Disabilities Act

WHEREAS, The federal government plays a vital role in ensuring that California students, particularly those students with the greatest needs, including students with disabilities, receive the education to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) provides a free and appropriate education to eligible children with disabilities. California receives over \$1,500,000,000 in federal IDEA funding to support special education and related services. Further, federal Medicaid funding plays a crucial role in assisting with the cost of providing education-related services like speech therapy and physical therapy for eligible students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The federal government is critical to the protection and defense of the rights of students with disabilities. Families trust and rely on the government to ensure that their children receive a free appropriate public education, as required by federal law; and

WHEREAS, Section 1402 of the IDEA explicitly states that the Office of Special Education Programs shall be established within the Department of Education and tasked with administering and carrying out programs and activities concerning the education of children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Justice will be delayed or denied for hundreds of families given the lack of enforcement capacity due to the termination, reassignment, or alterations to the responsibilities of any personnel of any such office; and

WHEREAS, Funding cuts, elimination, consolidation, delegation to, or otherwise restructuring of any office within the Department of Education that administers or enforces programs under the IDEA will have significant and detrimental educational impacts; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2333 "Protecting Students with Disabilities Act" prohibits the restructuring of the Office of Special Education Programs, or contract with any entity outside of the Department of Education;

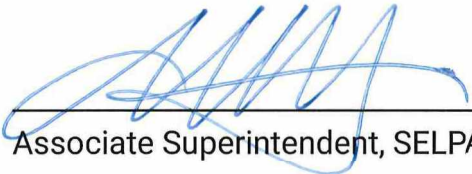
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Governing Board calls on members of the United States Congress to oppose reductions to funding that negatively impact educational services for students with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SELPA calls on members of the United States Congress to oppose the termination, reassignment, or alteration of the responsibilities of the Office of Special Education, of the Department of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the SELPA calls on the President of the United States and Congress to ensure that services and funding for students with disabilities are uninterrupted, including the allocation, monitoring, and management of IDEA formula funding and discretionary grant-funded programs.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2025, by the San Mateo County SELPA.

SIGNED:



Associate Superintendent, SELPA



Board Chair, SELPA Governing Board