San Mateo Union High School District
Proclamation Recognizing May 1-31, 2026
As Educator Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, we, the students of the San Mateo Union High School District recognize that regardless of a person's title or role in the District, all staff members are educators who have chosen to inspire, nurture, and teach us. We are grateful for the responsibility they take on to help us grow, learn, and achieve our best possible outcomes; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the educators of the District deeply shape our daily experiences as students, fostering not only our academic progress and growth, but also our sense of belonging, confidence, and future goals, leaving a lasting impact that extends beyond high school;

WHEREAS, we recognize that every educator in the District, regardless of their role, plays an important part in supporting student success, and that it is through their efforts and support that our schools are able to be inclusive, supportive, and effective learning environments and communities;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2026. May 13, 2026, is California Day of the Teacher. Our District is home to approximately 627 Certificated Educators who deliver a world-class education to our over 10,000 students, including teens and adult learners. These individuals have an impact on our students during and well beyond their high school years; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that May 17-23, 2026, is California's Classified Employee Week. SMUHSD is home to approximately 586 Classified Educators who support the growth and education of not only our students, but also the staff and school community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that April 27-May1, 2026, is School Nutrition Employee Week and that May 1, 2026, is School Food Hero Day. These individuals provide food for our students so they are able to fuel their bodies to succeed in their academic journey. In our District, we employ 46 food heroes; and

WHEREAS, School Bus Driver Appreciation Day was recognized on April 28, 2026. Our School Bus Drivers are often the first and last educators to interact with the learners that they serve every day. We employ 32 Drivers (27 School Bus Drivers and 5 Special Education Van Drivers), one Dispatcher, one Department Coordinator/Instructor, three Mechanics, one Shop Foreman, one Account Tech and one Executive Transportation Officer; and

WHEREAS, in California, November is recognized as Family Engagement Month, a time to highlight the importance of family-school partnerships in supporting student success. This month encourages collaboration between educators and families, aiming to improve student outcomes through strong, ongoing relationships. Our District employs six Family Engagement

Coordinators and one Family Engagement Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that February 2-6, 2026 was National School Counseling Week. We recognize our comprehensive school counseling programs' tremendous impact in supporting students. In SMUHSD, there are 30 school site School Counselors with eight Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (at our comprehensive sites, Peninsula High and Middle College); and

WHEREAS, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Furthermore, May 12 is celebrated annually as National Appreciation Day for Mental Health Providers. Our District employs 37 educators in the mental health field to expertly support the needs of our students and school community; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to recognize our Health Services Educators in the month of May for their relentless attention to the health and well-being of our students and their fellow educators. We have 16 educators including Athletic Trainers in Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes our Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities-Use educators who support and maintain our facilities to the highest standards, providing world-class environments for our students; We have 116 Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities-Use educators; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that U.S. School Principals' Day falls on May 1 every year. The Administrative Leadership in our District leads, educates, supports, and inspires their entire school communities; and

WHEREAS, January is School Board Recognition Month. It is a time to salute more than 5,000 California school districts and county office education board members. In SMUHSD, we also recognize our five Board Members in May alongside our talented and dedicated educators. The role of the school board is to ensure that our District is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of our communities through governance and policy making; and

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WHEREAS, we all recognize that we have, at most, four short years with each individual student to educate, inspire, teach, and support them on their path to educational and professional success and wellbeing beyond high school; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we as students, together with the Board of Trustees of San Mateo Union High School District, recognize that May is designated as SMUHSD Educator Appreciation Month and express our sincere gratitude for all educators

whose dedication helps every student feel supported, challenged, and empowered to thrive.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Passed and adopted on the 30th day of April, 2026.

Superintendent

Teri Chavez
President, Board of Trustees