

**SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 24/19-20
TEACHER /CERTIFICATED APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 4-8, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Week of May 4-8, 2020 has been designated as Teacher/Certificated Employee Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the contagious novel coronavirus forced school and health officers to close schools on March 16 to prevent the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, within a matter of days San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff rose to the challenge to implement distance learning to ensure students' academic, social and emotional well-being during the pandemic crisis by connecting with students each week by any means possible, using a variety of resources to design innovative curricula and differentiate instruction to increase access to education for all students;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff give back to the community by participating in fundraisers to purchase groceries for struggling families, creating photo collages with hopeful messages for families, volunteering to distribute food, connecting families to community resources and sewing masks for school staff and health professionals;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff fill many roles as role models, motivators and mentors by inviting Senator Jerry Hill to a video conference with eighth graders to learn about the legislative process, making a weekly SEL video titled "Thoughtful Thursday," acting as the "Go To" Google Suite experts and continuing to hold virtual Friday Morning Gatherings;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff embrace students and families with widely differing needs by delivering distance learning packets and meals, providing translation services, distributing Chromebooks and partnering with programs to provide over 4,000 books for students;

WHEREAS, San Mateo-Foster City School District teachers and certificated staff embrace professional learning and use of technology to create virtual classrooms, collaborate with colleagues online, record live readings and hold class meetings through video conferencing;

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District recognizes that these are only a small sample of extraordinary acts by extraordinary people during these extraordinary times; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District community recognizes the commitment, passion and resilience of its teachers and certificated staff in educating its children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the San Mateo-Foster City School District’s teachers and certificated staff and does hereby proclaim the week of May 4-8, 2020 as Teacher and Certificated Staff Appreciation Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees strongly encourages all members of our community to join them in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers and certificated staff for their dedication to their work.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 7th day of May, 2020.

AYES _____

NOES _____

ABSTAIN _____

ABSENT _____

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees