

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION # 21-9

In Support of K12 Adult Education and Honoring 90 years of Service in Marin County

WHEREAS, The first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856 and the Tamalpais Adult School began operating in 1932; and

WHEREAS, Adult Schools historically have been central to assisting the state with significant social, political, and economic issues through job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently, the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved to adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 600,000 adult learners enrolled in ESL classes at Adult Schools across California that are in the age-range to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority for the Governor and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Tamalpais Adult School successfully serves Larkspur and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the Adult Education system. Tamalpais Adult School served 541 students in the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, Tamalpais Adult School provides numerous and varied classes and programs to serve Larkspur and the surrounding communities, including classes in Healthcare Training, Computer Technologies Training, Job Preparation, High School Diploma and Equivalency Programs, English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and more; and

WHEREAS, Tamalpais Adult School served 229 students in the High School Diploma and GED Programs in the 2021-22 school year. The diploma programs help minimize the high school dropout rate. To date, two students earned a high school diploma, and 4 students earned a GED in the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, Tamalpais Adult School served 312 students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in the 2021-22 school year, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year to tutoring their own children; and

WHEREAS, Tamalpais Adult School provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, amid the current COVID-19 pandemic Tamalpais Adult School provides important short term career training programs, including for critical healthcare positions, to address both the short and long-term impacts and to respond to Governor Newsom's charge to meet the moment and address the needs of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District strongly supports Adult Education as an important part of the TUHSD School District.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District recognizes the important role of Adult Education in addressing the needs of our communities in the short and long term and encourages Governor Gavin Newsom and the California State Legislature to increase access to programs and services for the most in-need members of our great State.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 M/S/C (Loebbaka/Roenisch)

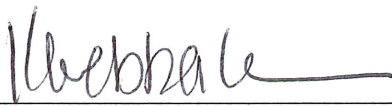
NOES: 0

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ABSESIONS: 0



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