SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 16-12

SUPPORT OF YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING

WHEREAS the mission of the San Leandro Unified School District is to prepare every student for success, to be engaged community members contributing to and becoming good stewards of our changing world, and to be creative critical thinkers, prepared for college career and life-long learning; and

WHEREAS providing youth the opportunity learn and participate in our democracy is a core function of public education; and

WHEREAS students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through voting and civics education programs by influencing their peers, members of their family and communities to register to vote and participate in elections; and

WHEREAS the District is committed to proactively strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration, elections worker recruitment and increasing participation in all elections by eligible voters; and

WHEREAS young people play a critical role in our democracy, helping to choose the people who will lead and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them; and

WHEREAS building a comprehensive program that integrates voter registration activities into broader civics education, encourages youth to be active in civic life, to be better prepared to enjoy the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS the County of Alameda sponsors a voter pre-registration program for students beginning at age 16, in its effort to cultivate a climate of active voting citizenship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Leandro Unified School District will work in partnership with nonprofit, nonpartisan, public interest community organizations, including the Alameda County Registrar Of Voters, to integrate ongoing, coordinated voter education and registration drives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Leandro Unified School District encourage all eligible students to register to vote, encourage district staff to work with voter registration efforts designed to inform our students, and provide information and access for voter registration forms and links, urging high school principals to designate at least one employee [or student] to assist [other] students in completing voter registration forms and to work with community organizations throughout the year to offer voter registration opportunities to high school students.

Adopted by the Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District this 8th day of March, 2016.

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Vince J. Rosato, Board President

Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent