SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 23-56

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY
December 2, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1975, President Gerald Ford and the 94th United States Congress enacted Public Law 94-142, the nation's first federal special education law, with the goal of providing children with disabilities the same opportunity to receive free educational opportunities as those children without disabilities;

WHEREAS, in 1990, this historic legislation was revised and renamed as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to further ensure students with disabilities are provided with free appropriate public education, tailored to their individual needs;

WHEREAS, in 2004, the most recent amendments to IDEA were passed by Congress with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, further mandating equity, accountability and excellence in education for children with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the second day of December is set aside as National Special Education Day, a day to celebrate the accomplishments, reflect on the achievements, and spur reform toward providing equitable access to education for all children, including children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, National Special Education Day is a time to honor progress and celebrate the students with disabilities in the San Leandro Unified School District and their teachers, administrators, parents, and schools; and

WHEREAS, the San Leandro Unified School District exists to meet the emerging needs of the community and to provide leadership, advocacy, and support for children, schools, and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the San Leandro Unified School District, a leader in providing high quality educational services to students with disabilities, has at its core a focus on equity, access, partnership, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, all children and students with disabilities are considered general education students first; and all educators, regardless of which students they are assigned to serve, have a collective responsibility to see that all children receive the education and the supports they need to maximize their development and potential, allowing them to participate meaningfully in the nation's economy and democracy; and

WHEREAS, California's public schools must support all students, and that includes our children with disabilities which is a fundamental issue of fairness, while providing essential special education services that empower students to achieve their full academic potential; and

THEREFORE, it is resolved that for the 2023-2024 school year, the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes the second day of December is set aside as National Special Education Day, a day to celebrate the accomplishments, reflect on the achievements, and spur reform toward providing equitable access to education for all children, including children with disabilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Evelyn Gonzalez, President
Board of Education

Leo Sheridan, Vice President
Board of Education