SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 25-41

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY
December 2, 2025

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, marking the beginning of a national commitment to ensuring that children with disabilities have access to free public education alongside their peers; and

WHEREAS, this landmark legislation—celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025—was revised and renamed in 1990 as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to further guarantee that students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education tailored to their individual needs; and

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

WHEREAS, each year, December 2 is recognized as National Special Education Day, a time to celebrate 50 years of progress, honor the achievements of students with disabilities, and renew our collective commitment to educational equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, National Special Education Day is an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of San Leandro Unified School District students with disabilities, their families, teachers, and administrators, whose dedication and advocacy continue to make inclusive education a reality; 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, including students with disabilities, are general education students first, and all educators share a collective responsibility to ensure that every child receives the education and support they need to thrive, participate meaningfully in society, and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, California's public schools must support all students—especially those with disabilities—as a matter of fairness and equity, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve academic success and lifelong fulfillment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education proudly recognizes December 2, 2025, as National Special Education Day, honoring the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and reaffirming its commitment to inclusive, equitable, and high-quality education for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its deep appreciation to the students, families, educators, and staff whose dedication, partnership, and advocacy continue to make San Leandro Unified a community where every student belongs, learns, and thrives.

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

AYES: Borja, Martinez, Oshinski, Perl, Prola, Rocha and Sheridan
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Leo Sheridan, President
Board of Education

Jackie C. Perl, Vice President
Board of Education