

**PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive contributions to the community and global society.



Press Release

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Pajaro Valley Unified School District Approves Resolutions that Promote Improved Living, Working and Learning Environments.

Watsonville, CA. October 1, 2018 – PVUSD is pleased to share with our community two important resolutions that highlight the District's determination to support our families and create better living, working and learning environments:

Resolution #18-19-11 - Anti-Bullying

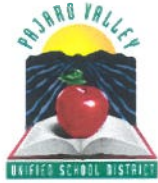
With a vote of 6-0-1, and on time to begin the National Bullying Prevention Month, Trustees approved this resolution and were pleased to introduce it on September 26, the national (and worldwide) Character Day. Everyday PVUSD staff work to ensure our students and staff have a positive experience. Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent, states “this resolution focuses on activities for students and staff intended to deter bullying behavior and promote kindness. In addition, PVUSD is proud to promote the anti-bullying campaign, ‘Be a Kinder, More Empathetic You!’ throughout the District, throughout the year, and it is meant to bring about an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior.”

Resolution #18-19-12 - Support of Measure H, the Santa Cruz County Housing Solutions Bond

With a vote of 5/1/1, this resolution was approved. The high cost of housing is a critical issue in our community and our families are affected. This resolution supports Measure H, meant to explore ways in which the county can create affordable housing opportunities for local residents as well as secure funds to address homelessness in our County. Vice President of the Board, Maria Orozco, expressed her strong support for this resolution noting that, “Student performance is affected when students do not have adequate spaces to study at home. As a district, it is critical that we take local action and support this measure to address homelessness and the high cost of living in the county which directly impacts student learning.”

These two resolutions are attached for your information.

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PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #18-19-11

Anti-Bullying

Whereas, all students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curricula;

Whereas, Bullying in schools is a pervasive problem that can have negative consequences for the school climate and for the right of students to learn in a safe environment without fear, and one that can have negative lifelong consequences, both for students who bully and for their targets; and

Whereas, Bullying is comprised of direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, and stealing that are initiated by one or more students against a target, as well as indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors and acting in other ways to cause a student to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion, with all such behaviors, direct or indirect, amounting to physical or psychological intimidation occurring repeatedly over time to create an ongoing pattern of harassment and abuse; and

Whereas, Bullying other children and being the target of bullies are considered risk factors for youth violence by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and other relevant organizations, and bullies whose behavior goes unchallenged risk ending up as violent adults, engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and

Whereas, on April 8, 2003, the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, in a case brought by local, Santa Clara County students (Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District, 324 F. 3d 1130 [9th Cir. 2003]), that school district staff are responsible for maintaining safe school environments and for equitable enforcement of nondiscrimination statutes and policies;

Whereas, on July 14, 2011, the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act was passed and signed into law that mandates the inclusion of the political, economic, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in the social studies and history curricula in California public schools;

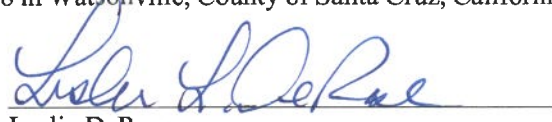
Whereas, Those who stand by passively watching or actively encouraging bullying are also affected by these hostile acts; they encourage bullying by creating an audience, they may become desensitized to cruelty, they may learn to imitate bullying behavior and become bullies themselves, and/or they may be fearful for their own safety, adding to their own insecurity; therefore be it

Resolved, That Pajaro Valley Unified School District supports policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying; and

Resolved, That all Pajaro Valley Unified School District employees engaging with students will receive annual training on the types of bullying, effects of bullying, and ways to prevent or respond to acts of bullying; and

Resolved, That all sites of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District will engage in its "Be a Kinder, More Empathic You!" campaign to bring about an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior, and an attitude that bullying behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in schools, playgrounds, buses, school activities, or any place children congregate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2018 in Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, California.



Leslie DeRose
President, Board of Trustees



PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #18-19-12

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE H
THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HOUSING SOLUTIONS BOND**

WHEREAS, the affordable housing crisis in our county is well documented and has been reported in local and national media for many months; the crisis continues unabated;

WHEREAS, the families of many students in our local schools have been directly impacted by the housing crisis. The high level of homelessness among local students is just one of many results of the housing crisis. Both homelessness and overcrowding affect student performance;

WHEREAS, teachers and other school employees are also impacted by the crisis. This results in very high stress for employees and recruitment and retention challenges for local districts;

WHEREAS, the primary source of affordable housing funds for past affordable housing development from local governments no longer exists due to the State's action to end the Redevelopment program;

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to place the "Santa Cruz County Housing Solutions Bond", now known as "Measure H.", on the November ballot. (This housing bond is now known as "Measure H.")

WHEREAS, if adopted by the voters, Measure H will provide \$119 million to the local jurisdictions of Santa Cruz County to create affordable housing opportunities for our local residents and workers. In addition, Measure H will also provide \$21 million for the creation of facilities to address homelessness countywide;

WHEREAS, the passage of Measure H will help thousands of Santa Cruz County residents, including many with children in our local schools, as it creates new affordable rental housing;

THEREFORE, Pajaro Valley Unified School District will work with Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA) to provide educational information about Measure H to parents, teachers, and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pajaro Valley Unified School District endorses Measure H and urges members of the education community of Santa Cruz County to support Measure H on the November 2018 election ballot.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board on this 26th day of September 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1



Leslie DeRose, Board President