

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-35  
RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING NATIONAL BILINGUAL/  
MULTILINGUAL LEARNER ADVOCACY MONTH, APRIL, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Mountain View Los Altos High School District takes pride in joining educational institutions throughout the country in recognizing April, 2020 as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month, and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month recognizes that bilingual/multilingual learners are one of the fastest growing student populations in U.S. schools, and that this population contributes multiple assets to schools and adds to the rich diversity among students; and

**WHEREAS**, 6.1% of students enrolled in Mountain View Los Altos High School District are categorized as English learners and approximately 27% are fluent English proficient students, according to the California Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of strong bilingual skills that include home language and English enhances students' self-esteem and cultural identity, and provides a connection to family heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month is an opportunity to draw attention to the persistent gap between bilingual/multilingual learners and native English-speaking students; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month calls on stakeholders at all levels to examine the diverse needs of bilingual/multilingual learners and to build an inclusive and respectful culture; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month calls for the need to prepare highly qualified bilingual teachers in all disciplines to address the unique needs of bilingual/multilingual learners in diverse settings; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month highlights a commitment to ensure educational equity and access enabling these learners to thrive academically and become productive biliterate/multiliterate global citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month encourages institutions to adopt policies and practices such as dual language instructional programs that value and use students’ languages and cultural assets to teach high academic content, promote long-term academic achievement, and increase graduation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month calls for the need to engage parents and guardians of bilingual/multilingual learners in their student’s educational journey;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees does hereby adopt this resolution to honor National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month and recognize the significant impact bilingual and multilingual education has on student achievement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mountain View Los Altos High School Board of Trustees at the regular meeting held on April 20, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sanjay Dave, President  
Board of Trustees

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Dr. Nellie Meyer, Superintendent