

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-17-26

In the Matter of

Support for Civic Learning: College, Career, and Civic Life

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Monterey County Office of Education to provide leadership, support, and service needed to prepare the diverse students of Monterey County for success in each step of their educational journey and to enrich their academic experiences so they may become productive members of a global society; and

WHEREAS, California currently ranks 38th of 50 states in civic engagement and the success of the United States, California, and Monterey County depends on educated, informed, and engaged youth and citizens, and therefore the Monterey County Board of Education encourages resources dedicated to **Civic Learning** opportunities with goals to achieve equity, diversity, and inclusion; to demonstrate and promote active citizenship; and to teach students civic skills needed for the 21st century workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes that it is important today to revitalizing high quality **Civic Learning** that encourages student achievement and engagement, critical thinking, and positive school climates; the education system's role as a critical place for students to expand upon their civic skills and values; and the importance of youth developing the civic knowledge needed to contribute to and participate in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education supports the Six Proven Practices in **Civic Education**, which are: providing classroom instruction in government, history, law, economics, and democracy; discussing of current events; participating in service-learning; offering extra-curricular or co-curricular activities; giving students a voice in school governance; and simulating democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education Educational Services Department provides resources to support schools and teachers through professional learning workshops, community partnerships, communication updates, Local Control and Accountability Plan guidance, **Civic Learning** opportunities, and application assistance for the Civic Learning Award for California Public Schools to improve the quality and effectiveness of **Civic Learning** in our schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 16-17-26 to encourage school districts and the community-at-large to work toward creating and implementing opportunities for developing the civic literacy of all youth by integrating the Six Proven Practices into instructional practices and school life.

**Passed and Adopted on the
Fourteenth Day of December 2016**



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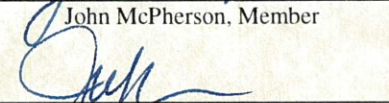
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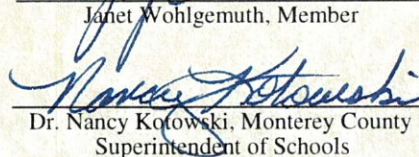
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