

West Sonoma County Union High School District

Resolution #1.AUG.2014-2015

Declaring September as "School Attendance Awareness Month"

WHEREAS chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two or three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and risk of dropout,

WHEREAS regular attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing absenteeism rates,

WHEREAS West Sonoma County high schools are committed to dedicating resources and attention to reducing absenteeism rates,

WHEREAS regular attendance contributes to greater high school success and fewer dropouts, thus strengthening our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS excessive absences exacerbate the achievement gap for students of poverty, since these students are more likely to miss school and to lack the resources to make up for lost academic time,

WHEREAS all students are affected by chronic absenteeism when teachers must spend additional time reviewing for those who missed instruction,

WHEREAS schools and districts must accurately track, calculate and share attendance data so that interventions are provided to students in a timely manner,

WHEREAS efforts to improve schools are strengthened by high rates of regular attendance,

WHEREAS improving attendance and reducing excessive absences takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to the particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS school attendance can be significantly improved when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address the obstacles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the West Sonoma County Union High School District proclaims that our schools will stand with the nation in recognizing September as "School Attendance Awareness Month." We hereby commit to improving school attendance and reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

I hereby certify the foregoing to be full, true and correct Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board of the West Sonoma County Union High School District.


Adopted this 13th day of August, 2014

Signed:



Kellie Noe, President

West Sonoma County Union High School District Board of Education



Amber Twitchell, Vice-President

West Sonoma County Union High School District Board of Education