## SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville, CA 94526

## RESOLUTION NO. 11/21-22 IN SUPPORT OF DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2021

WHEREAS dyslexia is defined as a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities, that are often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction;

WHEREAS dyslexia typically results from a deficit in the phonological component of language which causes difficulty in getting to the individual sounds of spoken language, which affects the ability of an individual to speak, read, spell, and often, learn a language:

WHEREAS secondary consequences of dyslexia may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge that can impact all academic subject areas;

WHEREAS individuals with dyslexia have strengths in higher level cognitive functions, such as reasoning, critical thinking, concept formation, or problem solving;

WHEREAS great progress has been made in understanding dyslexia on a scientific level, including the epidemiology and cognitive and neurobiological bases of dyslexia; and

WHEREAS early identification of dyslexia is critical for ensuring that individuals with dyslexia receive the focused, evidence-based instruction that is necessary for them to acquire foundational reading and writing skills, the support that leads to the promotion of self-awareness and selfempowerment and the necessary accommodations so as to ensure school and life success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognize that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed; and designates October 2021 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 24th day of August, 2021:

**AYES:** 

Ordway, Mintz, Hurd, Bratt, Clark

NOES:

**ABSENT:** 

None

ABSTAINED: None

Dr. John Mallov

Secretary to the Board of Education of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District of Contra Costa County, State of California