



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY
ELEMENTARY AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
("PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS"), In Support of TK-12 Adult Education**

WHEREAS, the first recorded adult education class in California was held in 1856 in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants, and taught by John Swett, who later became State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1919, Petaluma Adult School emerged as a community response to the growing need for practical education among working adults, offering evening classes in basic literacy, citizenship, and vocational skills to support employment opportunities and civic engagement as the region developed through agriculture and local industry;

WHEREAS, over 49% of adult learners enrolled in Adult Schools across California in 2024-25 are between the ages of 25 and 54, making them very likely to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners, who have been identified as a priority by the Governor and Legislature.

WHEREAS, Petaluma City Schools effectively serves Petaluma and surrounding communities through strong partnerships with local community colleges and community-based organizations within its Adult Education system. Petaluma Adult School served 2,414 students in the 2024-25 school year and has served 2,002 students to date in the 2025-26 school year.

WHEREAS, Petaluma Adult School provides a wide range of programs and services to meet the needs of Petaluma and surrounding communities, including career technical education such as construction, cosmetology, barbering, phlebotomy, and medical assistant training; job preparation; high school diploma and equivalency programs; English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes; early childhood education for children ages 0 to 4½; parent education; community interest classes; and services through the Petaluma Family Resource Center;

WHEREAS, Petaluma Adult School continues to provide critical education and services to adult students and their families, including literacy, basic skills, job training, parenting education, and community-based learning, thereby strengthening the Petaluma community, supporting Sonoma County, and contributing to the success of both adult learners and TK-12 students in Petaluma City Schools;

WHEREAS, the State of California will proclaim Adult Education Week during the week of April 19th through April 25th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Petaluma City School District strongly supports Adult Education as an important part of Petaluma City Schools.

BE IT RESOLVED that Petaluma City Schools hereby issues this Resolution in honor and recognition of April 19th through April 25 as Adult Education Week; and

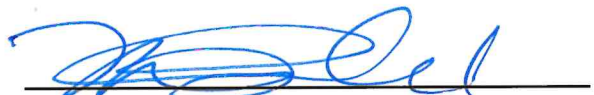
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education strongly urges the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, and the California Legislature to recognize the important role of TK-12 Adult Education in addressing the needs of our communities in the short and long term and to increase access to programs and services for the most in-need and not yet reached members of our great State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Quinn who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Paun and adopted by the following vote:

CLOUD: Aye PAUN: Aye QUINN: Aye WEBSTER: Aye WILLIAMS: Aye

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this 14 of April, 2026.



Mady Cloud, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Matthew Harris, Secretary