

PROCLAMATION

Inclusive Schools Week First Week of December

WHEREAS, celebrated during the first week in December, Inclusive Schools Week was created in 2001 to commemorate the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population; and

WHEREAS, this diverse population includes all children who experience challenges due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, Inclusive Schools Week was originally developed under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs; and

WHEREAS, it was conceived as a vehicle through which the federally funded National Institute for Urban School Reform (NIUSI) and the National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, and Teaching (NCREST) could disseminate materials concerning inclusive education; and

WHEREAS, as a partner to NIUSI and NCREST, the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative at Education Development Center, Inc. played a strategic role in this initiative, providing vision for Inclusive Schools Week, managing outreach efforts, and continuing to financially support, develop, and manage it when federal funding was no longer available; and

WHEREAS, Inclusive Schools Week provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children; now

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes the first week of December as Inclusive Schools Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of November, 2017.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gary K. Lym, President
Board of Education
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ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
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