

Subject: Comment for February 2 Board Meeting
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Good Evening,

I would like to speak during Public Comment.

1) Thank you to the BOE members and superintendent who joined PTA. We did not quite reach the 100% target by January 31st but there is still value in joining and, if not, we have a challenge for next year.

2) PTA will celebrate 125 years this month. Attached is a draft Proclamation that 17th District PTA is requesting the BOE adopt at its next meeting on February 16th.

Regards,

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Sample PTA Proclamation
SMCBOE
Seventeenth District PTA

Whereas, the Seventeenth District PTA, comprised of six PTA councils and 88 school PTAs with more than 12,000 members, connects families, schools, and communities; and is part of the foundation of the public education system and a trusted messenger to millions of members, parents, families, educators and allied agencies throughout the state; and

Whereas, PTA has been instrumental in establishing programs and services to improve children's lives, including, school nutrition programs, child labor laws, public health services, the juvenile justice system, the creation of kindergarten, the advancement of family engagement, and the growth of arts in education; and

Whereas, PTA is the nation's largest volunteer-led child-advocacy association working to drive improvements in the education, health, and well-being of all children and families; and

Whereas, the founders of the PTA, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and Selena Sloan Butler, were women of imagination and courage who understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world; and

Whereas, founded as the National Congress of Mothers, the PTA celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding on February 17, 2022; and

Whereas, today, California has local PTAs throughout the state and its members represent the ethnic diversity of the nation and come from the ranks of all families who, together, continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Governing Board of the San Mateo County Office of Education hereby commends the association on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, and encourages all San Mateo County residents to attend and participate in the local celebrations of this commemorative event; and be it further

Resolved that February, 2022, be California State PTA Month throughout San Mateo County. -or- February 17, 2022 be California State PTA Day throughout San Mateo County.