

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS AND THE
SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in January 2010, Senate Bill 1 (SB X5 1) established the Academic Content Standards Commission (ACSC) to develop academic content standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. The ACSC met four times in June and July 2010, and provided its recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBE) on July 15, 2010. The SBE voted unanimously to adopt the Common Core State Standards recommendations of the ACSC on August 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers have recommended a set of national common core curriculum standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics for the states, and

WHEREAS, these standards build upon the goals articulated in the college and career-readiness standards released by the NGA Center and are designed to ensure that students are prepared to complete and succeed in a global economy, and

WHEREAS, California is transitioning to a new set of expectations for our

students and a new system for measuring growth. The Common Core standards in English language arts and mathematics are internationally benchmarked and focused on supporting students to be ready for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the state's new standards will benefit students by having fewer, clearer, and deeper standards and require a greater use of analysis, critical thinking and real-world skills; and

WHEREAS, the new Smarter Balanced tests are designed to help educators and parents know if students are progressing and understanding what they are supposed to be learning; and

WHEREAS, students have a real opportunity to reach new levels of success during their K-12 education career as the assessment is refined and Common Core is fully implemented; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that San Mateo County officially supports the California Common Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

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