

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO EXPAND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SPORTS, ARTS, AND MUSIC PROGRAMS, FOR HOMESCHOOLED AND ONLINE-SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, extracurricular activities, including sports, arts, and music programs, provide significant physical, emotional, and social benefits to youth, and access to these activities supports student development, academic success, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, the number of homeschooled and online-schooled students in California has increased significantly in recent years, with a 78% increase between 2017 and 2022, and approximately 4.42% of students in California are now homeschooled, representing thousands of students who may lack access to local extracurricular opportunities; and

WHEREAS, despite paying local and state taxes, homeschooled and online-schooled students are often not permitted to participate in extracurricular activities offered by public school districts; and

WHEREAS, many other states have adopted policies that allow homeschooled students to participate in public school extracurricular activities, promoting inclusion and equity; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Youth Commission has expressed strong support for policies that create a framework for equitable access to extracurricular opportunities for all youth; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to extracurricular activities aligns with the County's commitment to equity, inclusion, and supporting positive outcomes for all young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors declares that the County of San Mateo supports efforts to expand equitable access to extracurricular activities for homeschooled and online-schooled students in San Mateo County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County encourages the San Mateo County Board of Education, local school districts, and the State of California to develop and implement policies that allow homeschooled and online-schooled students to participate in public school extracurricular programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to advancing equitable opportunities for all youth and ensuring that no student is excluded from beneficial educational and developmental experiences.

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