

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Shara Watkins for her service on the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, *Shara Watkins* has dedicated her life to education and the betterment of students in her local communities, serving with distinction as a member of the San Mateo-Foster City School District (SMFCSD) Board of Trustees from December 7, 2017 through August 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, *Shara Watkins*, a native of Madison, Wisconsin, and a graduate of Wellesley College, began her career in education with Teach for America in New York City, during which time she earned a Master’s Degree from Bank Street College of Education in Childhood General and Special Education; and

WHEREAS, over the past twelve years, *Shara Watkins* has served as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, and curriculum designer, making significant contributions to teacher training on topics ranging from equity in education to the use of technology as a tool for enhancing student learning; and

WHEREAS, *Shara Watkins* has spearheaded numerous initiatives with steadfast commitment to equity and educational excellence driven by data to ensure the needs of students, families, and teachers are met, including advocating for educators to have the support and salaries they need and for students to have the mental health and wellness support they need; and

WHEREAS, *Shara Watkins* has been a champion for equity, challenging systemic racism within school settings and the community with bravery, leading the creation of the Equity Task Force, and organizing community summits focused on dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, thus prioritizing an educational system that supports, rather than penalizes, students; and

WHEREAS, under *Shara Watkins*' leadership, the San Mateo-Foster City School District now implements restorative practices in every middle school, providing students with opportunities to learn and grow from their actions, rather than being subjected to punitive measures that remove them from the educational environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and commends *Shara Watkins* for her exemplary service and outstanding contributions to education as a member of the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees.

Dated: June 27, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors