

## **Mountain View Whisman School District**

### **Resolution No. 03-082219 Opposition to Potential Changes to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Eligibility**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of all children is the number one priority for both the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees and the Mountain View Whisman School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountain View Whisman School District is a community leader, which provides support to our community, schools, and students, and advocates and promotes a safe nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, a study by the United Nation’s Children Fund has shown that chronic hunger prevents children from reaching developmental milestones, leading to learning disabilities and cognitive impairment; and

**WHEREAS**, a “Feeding America” study noted that child hunger can cause children to feel shame, trouble connecting with peers, and increase absenteeism, behavior problems, and school suspensions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program, established in 1946, currently provides free and reduced lunch, snacks and milk to over 30 million children in the nation based on eligibility established by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, families currently eligible for food stamps through SNAP are automatically eligible for free and/or reduced meals. In Santa Clara County, over one-third, or more than 102,000 students, receive free and/or reduced meals in our public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed changes in the annual adjustment for eligibility for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, may adversely affect students participating in the National School Lunch Program and other important nutrition programs, potentially denying meals to the poorest of our county’s students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on behalf of the Mountain View Whisman School District of encourage citizens to voice their concern of the proposed changes to eligibility by providing comment to the USDA by September 23, 2019 at <http://bit.ly/2yGGEI4>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on behalf of the Mountain View Whisman School District support pending school nutrition legislation, including [S. 1907/H.R. 3366 – No Shame at School](#) which aims to prohibit the stigmatization of students receiving free meals and ensures that the cafeteria be a safe and supportive environment for all students, including those receiving free and reduced priced meals;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on behalf of the Mountain View Whisman School District do hereby adopt this resolution to support local and national measures to provide ongoing, reasonable eligibility for families receiving nutrition assistance. These measures will result in quality free and reduced priced meals to those who qualify, providing greater opportunity for students to thrive.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on behalf of the Mountain View Whisman School District at a meeting held on August 22, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees  
Mountain View Whisman School District  
Santa Clara County, California