

**MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 01-110421**

**Declaring the Mountain View Whisman School District a Defender for
Reproductive Health Care Access & Freedom**

WHEREAS, every person has a right to comprehensive, evidence-based information about the full range of reproductive health care options, and should have access to comprehensive reproductive health care throughout their lives, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability, immigration status, geographic circumstance, criminal history, and insurance-coverage status;

WHEREAS, California has worked to make reproductive freedom a fundamental right for all Californians by guaranteeing privacy regarding reproductive decisions and protecting a person's right to bodily autonomy, access to abortion, and to make independent reproductive choices including whether or not to end a pregnancy;

WHEREAS, reproductive rights are under attack in this country as states enact laws that restrict or ban abortion with serious implications for reproductive health care and freedom in communities across the country;

WHEREAS, abortion restrictions, bans, and limitations to reproductive freedom disproportionately impact populations that already face barriers to accessing health care including communities of color, individuals with low income, immigrant communities, youth, and rural communities.

WHEREAS, autonomy and agency in reproductive matters are central to secure gender, economic, and racial equity in all aspects of life;

WHEREAS, sufficient access to reproductive health care is central to an individual's ability to retain autonomy over their body, their choice to have children or not have children, and parent the children they have in safe and sustainable communities;

WHEREAS, October was Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month and in the United States, 1 out of every 4 pregnancies ends in miscarriage. All individuals experiencing the end of pregnancy should have safe and protected access to healthcare;

WHEREAS, abortion is health care and is a safe and common procedure, with one in four women obtaining an abortion by age 45;

WHEREAS, in 2019 Governor Gavin Newsom issued the California Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom to educate Californians on their reproductive rights under the state constitution and laws and affirm California's commitment to reproductive freedom;

WHEREAS, The Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education Board Policy 5146 and accompanying Administrative Regulation 5146 indicates, "The Superintendent or designee may grant a student a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion for as long as it is deemed medically necessary. At the conclusion of the leave, the student shall be reinstated to the status she held when the leave began (34 CFR 106.40)";

WHEREAS, as states around the country enact abortion restrictions and outright bans to abortions, the Mountain View Whisman School District can serve as a model and commit to defend and fight for reproductive

freedom for its employees and students and community and welcome all those seeking to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mountain View Whisman School District is hereby a champion and defender of health equity and reproductive freedom for all, so that anyone may have access to the reproductive services they need, when they need them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mountain View Whisman School District calls on the United States Congress to protect reproductive freedom nationwide by enacting legislation to protect access to abortion and other reproductive care without government interference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mountain View Whisman School District is committed to supporting actions within our district to increase reproductive healthcare access, information, and freedom for our students, staff, and district community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Mountain View Whisman School District at a meeting held on November 4, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I, Devon Conley, President of the Board, hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting thereof, held at its regular place of meeting on the date shown above and by the vote above stated, which resolution is on file in the office of the said Board.

President of the Board of Education
Mountain View Whisman School District