



Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 01-120822

To Honor Retiring Trustee Ellen Wheeler

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler, serving on the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District from December 2002 to December 2022, has devoted much of her life to education; and

WHEREAS, Ellen's peers have described Ellen Wheeler as a compassionate leader, a strong advocate for children, a stalwart of public education, and a champion of student enrichment programs, and she has demonstrated admirable advocacy and commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler has passionately advocated to ensure equitable programming, facilities, and educational opportunities for all Mountain View Whisman students; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler has facilitated the District's ongoing continuous academic improvement, rising test scores, and progress made toward closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served eight years with the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, including serving as Hoffmann Awards Chair, Vice President, President (2018-19), and Chair of their biannual election year New Candidates' Information Forum for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler was Founder/Chair of the Los Altos Mountain View League of Women Voters Education Committee for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler was a League of Women Voters member of 20 years, including several trips to State and National conventions as an education advocate; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler was a member of Strong Start (Santa Clara County Office of Education's early childhood ed committee) from its inception in the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served as Board of Trustees President multiple times and worked collegially with 18 different trustee colleagues over the many years; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served multiple terms as Secretary of the Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council and served as a PTA Council Honorary Service Award committee member for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served as MVWSD's representative to PTA Council both as board president and when others needed her to step in; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler hired and appointed five superintendents (Jim Negri, Eleanor Yick, Maurice Ghysels, Craig Goldman, and our current Dr. Ayinde Rudolph, who has served for seven years); and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served on many, many MVWSD committees, including the school closure task force, the boundary committee after Board voted to close Slater and the Communication Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler supported the District's successful passage of three parcel tax measures which ensured the District has been able to support programming like art and music, mental health services, and preschools even during lean times when other districts were forced to cut back on these programs; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler supported the District's successful passage of two facilities bond measures which enabled the District to renovate ALL of our schools, construct three new school facilities (Stevenson, Castro, and Vargas) and build 144 units of affordable housing for teachers, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler served as Board President when Slater School was closed and also served on the Board when three new schools were opened: Stevenson, Mistral, and Vargas;

WHEREAS, Ellen Wheeler was a leader on the Board both when brand new auditoriums and tracks were installed at Graham Middle School and Crittenden Middle School; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ellen Wheeler is recognized for her 20 years of dedicated service to the students of Mountain View on the occasion of her retirement from the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on this 8th day of December 2022 by the following vote:

Laura Blakely

Devon Conley

Laura Ramirez Berman

Christopher Chiang

Dr. Ayiné Rudolph