



Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 01-112124

Honoring Laura Blakely for Distinguished Service to the  
Mountain View Whisman School District

**Whereas**, Laura Blakely served with dedication as a Trustee of the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) from December 2016 through December 2024, completing two terms in office; and

**Whereas**, she held the role of Board President from 2017 to 2018 and from 2021 to 2022, during which she provided strong leadership and fostered collaboration within the Board and community; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Blakely has maintained strong community ties, demonstrated by her service on the Board of Directors for the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce and CHAC, where she advocated passionately for education and community well-being; and

**Whereas**, she contributed to MVWSD through committee assignments, including her role on the Staff Housing Oversight Committee, where she contributed to progress in developing affordable housing for teachers and staff, and on the Bond Oversight and Parcel Tax Oversight committees, ensuring accountability for these significant tax measures; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Blakely led successful community campaigns for key district funding initiatives, including parcel tax measures, Measure AA in 2024, which passed with 74% approval, and Measure B in 2017, which passed with 72% approval, both critical to supporting school programs and services; and

**Whereas**, she supported the bond issue, Measure T in 2020, which passed with 66% approval, enabling the District to renovate all schools, construct new facilities at Stevenson, Castro, and Vargas elementary schools, and build 144 units of affordable housing for teachers and staff; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Blakely played a key role in supporting an innovative solution to staff retention by working to facilitate the development of affordable housing for educators, resulting in the MVW at the Sevens, which broke ground in November 2022 and was completed in October 2024; and

**Whereas**, under her leadership on the Board, MVWSD opened three newly constructed schools—Stevenson Elementary, Castro Elementary in 2018, and Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary in 2019—enhancing educational opportunities for the Mountain View community; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Blakely provided critical leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, contributing to MVWSD's award-winning response to school closures and return-to-learn efforts in 2020-21 and 2021-22, which earned the California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award in 2022 for providing devices, internet access, and meals to all families; and

**Whereas**, she was on the Board when MVWSD earned recognition as a California Green Ribbon School District in 2024 and America's Healthiest Schools awards in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, reflecting the district's commitment to health and environmental sustainability; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Blakely dedicated countless hours to the Re-Imagining Castro EdRoundtable group, participating in extensive research and community listening sessions that culminated in a three-year action plan to enhance access to high-quality and culturally-responsive education at Castro Elementary School; and

**Whereas**, she advocated for early learning opportunities, supporting the District’s \$3.6 million investment in transitional kindergarten starting in 2022-23, enriching early education for the district’s youngest students;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board hereby extends its deepest gratitude to Laura Blakely for her exemplary service, leadership, and commitment to educational excellence and community engagement throughout her two terms as Trustee.

Be it further resolved, that Laura Blakely's contributions have had a lasting impact on the students, families, and staff of MVWSD, setting a high standard for future leaders in the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on this 21st day of November 2024.

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