

**MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governing Board Meeting
Agenda Item Analysis**

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| Subject: | Safe Schools Resolution, Mission and Core Value Recommendations | Item No.: | 9.6 |
| Action: | Yes | Attachment: | Yes |
| Information: | No | | |
| Consent: | No | | |
| Meeting Date: | 6/6/2017 | Submitted by: | Bruce K. Burns |

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 17-39, Safe Schools and language modifications to the MSD mission and core values.

Background:

The Moraga School District established the Cultural Proficiency Committee (CPC) this school year for the purpose of developing District cultural proficiency standards, assessing District work relative to the standards and identifying improvement plans to attain standards. The CPC is comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and a Board member. The CPC has met five times this school year.

Prior to delving into standards, the CPC focused its attention on the foundation of the MSD, specifically the District's vision, mission and core values. Upon review of the MSD mission and core values, recommendations were presented and discussed to strengthen the mission and vision, and in preparation for the need to support future CPC work.

The CPC recommended the following changes (noted in red) to the MSD Mission and Core Values (the MSD Vision is included, although no changes were recommended):

MSD Vision Statement: Our vision of the Moraga School District is that students will have the foundation to reach their highest potential as students and citizens in a global society.

MSD Mission Statement: The mission of the Moraga School District is to provide a supportive and challenging academic environment that encourages critical and creative thinking, maximizes individual students' strengths and **differences and** motivates students to be **culturally aware**, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens. This is accomplished by a dedicated team of educators, parents, community members, and students.

MSD Core Values:

- We are committed to providing our students with the highest-quality academic and well-rounded K-8 public education experience.
- We will be consistent and equitable in our innovation and response to the ever-changing, diverse, and individual needs of our students. We believe that critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration and citizenship are essential skills for 21st century success and that student instruction should be engaging, relevant, and applicable to the real world.
- We are committed to embracing and valuing diversity and inclusion of all students, parents, faculty, and staff. By creating a school climate that is respectful, supportive and appreciative of all differences, we believe our students will be enriched and better prepared to enjoy, contribute, and thrive in any environment.
- We believe students learn best when they feel confident and are connected with caring adults, who can challenge them with clear and high expectations to maximize their learning potential. As a learning community we embrace on-going training and professional development of our staff. MSD students share in the responsibility for their learning as we work towards developing students who are life-long learners.
- We believe MSD must provide a safe environment for our students. We achieve student safety, both physical and emotional, by clearly and regularly communicating our policies and expectations to staff, students, and parents; by providing on-going training and education to the school community; and by maintaining and investing in our facilities.
- We are accountable to the community for setting clear expectations and aligning our fiscal and human resources to meet our goals. We commit to communicating and building alliances with the community to foster relationships, share resources, support mutual goals and to be responsible and transparent with district finances and operations.

Additionally, the CPC developed Resolution 17-39 for the purpose of supporting future CPC work and to communicate the MSD's commitment to ensuring equal access to public education, embracing and valuing all students and staff, and safe schools.