

**Resolution No. 2016-09-14-B**

**Pacifica School District**

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**Endorsing September 2016 as Attendance Awareness Month**

**Whereas**, the Pacifica School District Governing Board values and recognizes positive school attendance as a critical element for student success; and

**Whereas**, chronic absenteeism, defined as a student missing ten percent or more days of school, is one of the strongest indicators of future dropout; and

**Whereas**, nationwide, one out of ten students in kindergarten and first grade are chronically absent; and

**Whereas**, chronic absenteeism in kindergarten predicts low academic achievement in later grades. One study showed that three out of four students who are chronically absent in the sixth grade never graduate from high school; and

**Whereas**, it is crucial to address the problem of chronic absence with our youngest students before they slip off track academically and poor attendance habits become entrenched; and

**Whereas**, chronic absence is often overlooked because most schools only monitor average daily attendance and truancy rates, both of which can easily mask chronic absence; and

**Whereas**, increasing school attendance requires community-wide involvement and begins with an awareness of the cumulative negative effects of chronic absence on academic and social success;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Pacifica School District Governing Board hereby declares the month of September, 2016, as Attendance Awareness Month and support activities to increase awareness of the importance of daily attendance, especially in the early grades PreK-3.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, by the Governing Board of the Pacifica School District, of San Mateo County, California, by the following vote:

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ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President/Governing Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Governing Board