



Proclamation in Recognition of October as Disability Awareness Month

The Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) is proud to recognize October as Disability Awareness Month, joining schools, communities, and organizations in raising awareness of the contributions, experiences, and accomplishments of people with disabilities and promoting greater understanding, accessibility, inclusion, and opportunity for all.

WHEREAS, Disability Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the diverse contributions and achievements of people with disabilities and to promote greater awareness and understanding of disability within our schools and community; and

WHEREAS, the Culver City Unified School District has a responsibility to provide educational opportunities for students, staff members, families, and the broader school community to learn about individuals with disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights movement and to develop a greater understanding of the importance of inclusion and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 established important protections and principles of equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities and serves as a foundation for advancing accessibility and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, schools play an important role in promoting these principles by recognizing the contributions of people with disabilities and providing opportunities through curriculum, assemblies, activities, and other educational experiences to increase awareness and understanding of disability and disability rights; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of disability helps us recognize and address physical, social, attitudinal, and systemic barriers that can limit equitable participation and opportunities for people with disabilities in schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, creating inclusive schools requires a commitment to accessibility, understanding, respect, and meaningful participation so that students with disabilities can fully engage in the academic, social, cultural, and extracurricular life of their school communities; and

WHEREAS, the Culver City Unified School District recognizes and celebrates the diversity of all people and is committed to treating every individual with dignity and respect and to creating opportunities for all students, including students with disabilities, to be fully included and supported in all aspects of our schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Education of the Culver City Unified School District, hereby proclaim October as Disability Awareness Month and encourage all schools throughout the District to recognize and celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of people with disabilities, promote awareness and understanding, and advance a culture of accessibility, inclusion, dignity, and respect throughout our schools and community.

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