

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, children with learning disabilities face significant challenges in their educational journey, which can impact their overall school performance and future opportunities; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention are important for addressing the needs of children with learning disabilities and maximizing their potential; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that all children, regardless of their learning abilities, have equal access to quality education and the necessary support to thrive; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that children who receive early diagnosis and appropriate interventions have better educational outcomes and improved quality of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee recognizes the importance of early diagnosis and intervention for children with learning disabilities and supports increased funding at all levels to enhance resources and services for early diagnosis of children with learning disabilities, including but not limited to specialized educational programs, assistive technologies, and professional development opportunities for teachers and support staff, including support specifically tailored to the meet the needs of historically marginalized communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee calls upon school districts and policymakers to prioritize teacher resources and support for children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities, including smaller class sizes, training for teachers, and the availability of individualized education plans tailored to the needs of each student, and further supports passage of SB 691 regarding dyslexia risk screening.

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