

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

“In Celebration of Excellence in Education”

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-20-18

Honoring and Recognizing

ROBERT DOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

WHEREAS, demonstrating what is possible when committed school administrators and educators hold all students and staff to high standards, **Robert Down Elementary School** in the **Pacific Grove Unified School District** has been honored with the **2019 National Blue Ribbon School Award** for demonstrating exemplary achievements, innovative cultures of teaching and learning, and preparing students for successful careers and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1982 the U.S. Department of Education has sought out to celebrate great American schools and in 2019 **Robert Down Elementary School** is being recognized by Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos as one of 362 **National Blue Ribbon Schools** based on school wide student scores, subgroup student scores, and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, the **National Blue Ribbon Award** is the highest award bestowed to schools by the U.S. Department of Education and brings welcomed and deserved attention and recognition to **Robert Down Elementary School** as one of the state’s highest performing schools; and

WHEREAS, involving the entire school community to work together as a team to promote academic achievement, **Robert Down Elementary School** is a “Community of Caring” school with attention to the development of each individual’s character and a sense of community among all students; and

WHEREAS, **Robert Down Elementary School’s** mission is to challenge every student to learn the skills, acquire the knowledge and develop the insight and character that is necessary for a productive and rewarding life through a quality instructional program, a positive, stimulating environment with a clear commitment to the worth of every individual; and

WHEREAS, driven to create exceptional learning environments for every student to achieve their highest potential, **Robert Down Elementary School** and the **Pacific Grove Unified School District** are challenging students to learn the skills, acquire the knowledge, and develop the insight necessary for a productive and rewarding life; and

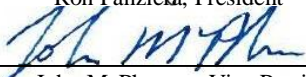
WHEREAS, the **2019 National Blue Ribbon Award** affirms the hard work of **Robert Down Elementary School** students, educators, families and community in their commitment to academic excellence and the success of all students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 19-20-18 to recognize **Robert Down Elementary School** and the **Pacific Grove Unified School District** for receiving this outstanding award, and for working tirelessly through their high quality, dedicated staff to foster a culture of great expectation and achievement for all students.

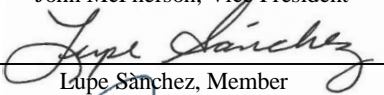
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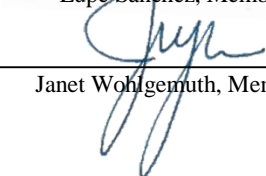
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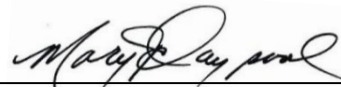
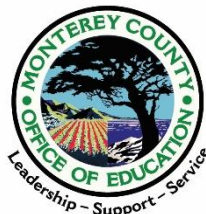
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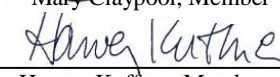
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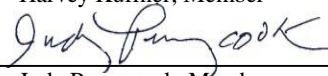
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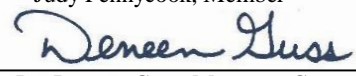
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