



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2102, RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

Department

TEACHING & LEARNING

Board Meeting Date

October 28, 2021

Background

Disability History and Awareness Month (RCW 28A.230.158) takes place during October to increase awareness, respect, and acceptance for people with disabilities, and to bring a greater sense of pride to people with disabilities. School activities may include, but not be limited to, school assemblies or guest speaker presentations. The Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI's) priorities are referenced with the goal of providing resources that school districts, administrators, and people with disabilities can use as they relate to the priority areas.

Current Consideration

History helps with an understanding of where a community has been and major events that have happened. Disability history covers the largest minority in America and the struggle that brought about the Disability Rights Movement. The Legislature finds that annually recognizing disability history throughout our entire public educational system, from kindergarten through grade twelve and at our colleges and universities, during the month of October will help to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with disabilities in our state, nation, and the world have made to our society. In further support of this resolution, we can encourage community partners, agencies and organizations to declare their support for educating and supporting students with disabilities in our community.

Fiscal Implication

None.

Recommendation

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2102, recognizing October as Disability History Month.

Strategic Benchmark

All 5 strategic goals:

Goal 1: Academic Excellence, Goal 2: Partnerships, Goal 3: Early Learning, Goal 4: Health and Safety and Goal 5: Operations

Approved By

Zeek Edmond, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Joshua Garcia, Superintendent

**TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
RESOLUTION NO. 2102**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 10, RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature finds that annually recognizing disability history throughout our entire public educational system, from kindergarten through grade twelve and at our colleges and universities, during the month of October will help to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions that people with disabilities in our state, nation, and the world have made to our society; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that recognizing disability history will increase respect and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities. The Legislature further finds that recognizing disability history will inspire students with disabilities to feel a greater sense of pride, reduce harassment and bullying, and help keep students with disabilities in school; and

WHEREAS, RCW 28A.230.158 provides that annually, during the month of October, each public school shall conduct or promote educational activities that provide instruction, awareness, and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that annually, the month of October shall be recognized as Disability History Month in Tacoma Public Schools, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will celebrate the contributions, achievements and history of those with disabilities. Each October the District hopes to increase awareness, respect, and acceptance for people with disabilities, and bring a greater sense of pride to people with disabilities. It is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to dismantling barriers to access and inclusion in our schools.

APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County,

Washington, this 28th day of October, 2021, in an open regular meeting.

Board of Directors:

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