

*PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-05.07
“Promoting Civic Responsibility”*

WHEREAS, there is a great need to nurture and teach youth as they develop their thoughts and ideas of character and citizenship;

WHEREAS, schools can play a crucial role in facing the increasing challenge of finding common ground among those of differing cultures and attitudes;

WHEREAS, a quality civic education should help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their life;

WHEREAS, the importance of a student’s grasp of the concepts of civic responsibility and respect for others cannot be underestimated;

WHEREAS, the First Amendment enables Americans to find common ground for living respectfully and civilly with one another in the midst of diverse opinions;

WHEREAS, character and citizenship education should emphasize that each individual is responsible to respect others and their freedom of conscience;

WHEREAS, students should understand that respecting others is crucial, that debate and disagreement are vital in a democracy, and that individuals and groups must resolve their differences and learn to live in collaboration with those who do not agree;

WHEREAS, respect demands that the manner in which issues are debated is just as important as the topic, and that the heart of good citizenship is a strong commitment to the civic values that enable people to find common ground and treat one another with civility and respect in spite of differences;

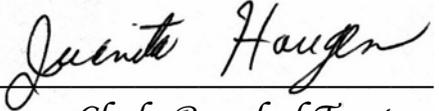
WHEREAS, promoting civic responsibility and respect for others can help prepare today's students to make a profound impact for the common good and the future of their communities, state, nation, and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pleasanton Unified School District will provide character and citizenship education that promotes civic responsibility and respect for others;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes the schools and education leaders whose teaching and practicing of civic responsibility and respect for others has brought honor and distinction to the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by roll call vote on November 9, 2004, by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasanton Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California.

	<i>AYES</i>	<i>NOES</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<i>Fredette</i>	___√___	_____	_____	_____
<i>Haugen</i>	___√___	_____	_____	_____
<i>Kernan</i>	___√___	_____	_____	_____
<i>Pulido</i>	___√___	_____	_____	_____
<i>Weaver</i>	___√___	_____	_____	_____



 Clerk, Board of Trustees
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