



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

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Proclaiming December 3, 2010, as the Day of the Special Educator

WHEREAS, special educators are dedicated, hardworking and are invaluable resources;

WHEREAS, special educators personalize and develop goals tailored to each student's individual needs and abilities;

WHEREAS, special educators are integral in the students' behavioral, social, and academic development, helping them develop emotionally, navigate socially, and become aware of socially acceptable behavior;

WHEREAS, special educators also work closely with parents, informing them of their child's progress and suggesting techniques to strengthen the home-school connection;

WHEREAS, special educators design, modify and deliver appropriate curricula based on best teaching practices, and epitomize "good teaching" techniques in every aspect of their work, every day;

WHEREAS, special educators build upon children's strengths as a means to help students overcome their weaknesses;

WHEREAS, special educators know that all children can learn but not in the same way or at the same pace;

WHEREAS, special educators are committed to staying abreast of the latest laws governing special education so that IEPs are a complete and beneficial document for parents, teachers, and students;

WHEREAS, special educators exhibit compassion, patience, flexibility, and are the unsung heroes who pull the pieces together and make things clearer to students;

WHEREAS, special educators' roles include other duties besides teaching, such as coordinating related services and meetings, conducting and interpreting assessments, and IEP paperwork/file manager, to help ensure the district has met its legal responsibility of a Free and Appropriate Education for the benefit of the students;

WHEREAS, special educators build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork, and shared accountability;

WHEREAS, special educators are open-minded, eager learners themselves, who are always looking to improve their technique and find even better source materials for their students;

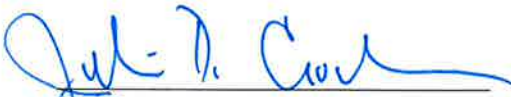
WHEREAS, special educators hold the highest expectations for success for their students in order that they can self-actualize to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, special educators are special day class teachers, resource specialists, speech and language pathologists, paraprofessionals, behavioral specialists, occupational therapists, adaptive physical education teachers, deaf and hard of hearing specialists, visually impaired specialists, mobility specialists, autism specialists, program specialists, psychologists, and nurses who work in schools and serve students in special education;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the San Luis Obispo County SELPA Governing Council hereby declare our appreciation of the special educators in our district, and gratefully acknowledge the commitment and contributions of our special educators by proclaiming December 3, 2010, *The Day of the Special Educator*.

PASSED and ADOPTED, this 19th day of November 2010, by the San Luis Obispo County SELPA Governing Council, San Luis Obispo County, California, by the following vote:

8 Yes: Members 0 No: Members 3 Absent: Members



Dr. Julian Crocker
County Superintendent of Schools

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.A.C.)

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PASSED and ADOPTED, this 16th Day of November 2010, by the Community Advisory Committee of the San Luis Obispo County SELPA, San Luis Obispo County, California, by the following vote:

7 Yes: Members 0 No: Members 0 Absent: Members


Michelle Rauenzahn
CAC Chairperson