## ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road Elk Grove, California 95624

## **RESOLUTION No. 20, 2020-2021**

## Declaring November 9-13, 2020 as *National School Psychology Awareness Week* in the ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, Elk Grove Unified School District schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered supports; and
- WHEREAS, All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to strive, grow and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and
- **WHEREAS**, Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and
- WHEREAS, School psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and help children to thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors. School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- **WHEREAS,** It is appropriate to recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of Elk Grove Unified School District's students.

**THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elk Grove Unified School Board encourages all district students and staff to join in the observance of National School Psychology Awareness Week, November 9-13, 2020, and observance of future National School Psychology Awareness Weeks as declared by the National Association of School Psychologists.

Christopher R. Hoffman Secretary to the Board of Education