

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District is committed to supporting educational programs that increase literacy skills of all of our students and to support community programs to increase literacy throughout the San Diego region. Therefore, the Board of Education declares that:

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 450,000 adults in San Diego County that have a below-standard level of literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, in communities with low literacy abilities of their habitants there is a direct correlation of an increase in crime, poverty, homelessness, and poor health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the San Diego Unified School District to have all San Diego students graduate with the skills, motivation, curiosity, and resilience to succeed in their choice of college and career in order to lead and participate in the society of tomorrow, and;

**WHEREAS**, The San Diego Council on Literacy is a community partner of the district working to enhance countywide literacy efforts through education, outreach and partnerships to improve their quality of life by bettering their literacy skills; and

**WHEREAS**, All adults, families and children in our region would benefit from a coordinated effort that engages local governments and community partners to promote programs that focus on literacy skills; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District declare the year 2009 as “The Year of Literacy,” a year during which the district will work with other regional agencies and organizations to promote literacy programs in our local communities.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at the regular meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008.

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