

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/201

Honoring Dr. Colleen Dowd on her retirement from Walnut Acres Elementary School

Whereas, Dr. Colleen Dowd has served at Walnut Acres Elementary School in Walnut Creek for eleven years; and

Whereas, during this time her focus has been to shift from a traditional teacher-focused classroom to a student-owned learning environment, an environment in which teachers provide differentiated, engaging learning experiences that include student choice and student voice; and

Whereas, her goal has been to motivate students, build a growth mindset, teach design-thinking, infuse technology to support innovation, and encourage students to own their own learning now and as life-long learners; and

Whereas, maintaining a creative arts program in the areas of visual, dramatic, and musical arts is part of that effort; and

Whereas, Dr. Dowd and Walnut Acres promote content mastery, collaboration, communication, global citizenship, critical thinking and creativity through instructional strategies that support cognitive and social emotional growth; and

Whereas, Dr. Dowd has encouraged and supported parents to be a partner in their children's education; and

Whereas, Dr. Dowd has worked with teachers and parents to best support student learning; and

Whereas, her goal has been to provide each of her students with a foundation of academic and social confidence in their basic skills and their ability to tackle new learning; and

Whereas, this in turn endows students with a sense of ownership for their own learning; and

Whereas, Dr. Dowd encourages students to celebrate their uniqueness while appreciating the differences of others who share their community in our neighborhood and across the globe; and

Whereas, Walnut Acres Elementary School was named a California Distinguished School in 2008 and 2014, both during Dr. Dowd's tenure at Walnut Acres.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby express its sincere gratitude to Dr. Colleen Dowd for her 11 years of dedicated service to the students, parents and community of Walnut Acres Elementary School and for her extensive service throughout her career to supporting students and families in their education journey.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair, District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

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District IV Supervisor

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an
action taken
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on
the date
shown.

ATTESTED: June 11, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy