

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/349

In the matter of recognizing De La Salle High School upon their recognition from Multiplying Good

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School was founded in 1965 in the Catholic, Lasallian tradition of the Christian Brothers with roots extending more than 300 years to 17th century France and their Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who had a very simple vision of education: that the graduates of his Christian schools would be mature, responsible members of society and the Church; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School recognizes and promotes the dignity of each student by providing an environment that is moral, caring and joyful while challenging its students to serve others, especially the poor, and to deepen a sense of responsibility for humanity's future; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School's education strives to be student-centered and to challenge their young people to become active, inquiring, critical, and open-minded thinkers who are also life-long learners and citizens who recognize diversity and a desire to serve others, especially the economically challenged and the marginalized; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School founded their Students In Action program in academic school year 2006-2007 under the leadership of faculty advisors Dr. Elizabeth Berkes and Mr. Andrew Berkes to create student-led opportunities for volunteerism and community impact; and

WHEREAS, the De La Salle High School's Student in Action program engages 65 – 100 students on their team annually, and engages 80% of the entire De La Salle High School study body in their volunteer activities; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School students have completed more than 500,000 volunteer service hours, impacting more than 50,000 people, and have raised more than \$150,000 since their Students in Action program began; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School students completed more than 49,000 hours of volunteer service and raised more than \$30,000 to support local community organizations in the 2020-2021 academic school year alone; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School's annual "Cereal Drive" resulted in 2020 donations exceeding \$12,000 in product, \$16,300 in financial donations, and the creation of a student-designed website for families served by the Monument Crisis Center in Concord, California; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School's annual "Laps 4 Life" event raised over \$2,900 in financial donations, impacted 7,300 local residents, and provided important family resources in 2020 through their partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle High School’s annual “Holiday Toy Drive” raised over \$6,950 in financial donations for local charities, collected toys for marginalized children, created a website for securing financial donations and toys, and impacted over 6,900 residents; and

WHEREAS, the national nonprofit organization of Multiplying Good bestowed the award of “Regional Ambassador School” for the San Francisco Bay Area upon De Salle High School on May 14, 2021 in recognition of their decades of student volunteerism and community impact; and

WHEREAS, with their regional recognition, De La Salle High School received eligibility for national recognition for the highly esteemed Jefferson Awards, created by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard in 1972 for extraordinary volunteerism for community service; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, De La Salle High School was honored with the “National Student Choice Jefferson Award” by Multiplying Good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank De La Salle High School for their decades of volunteerism and support for local communities in need, their student-led community activism and impact, and their regional and national recognition through Multiplying Good.

DIANE BURGIS

Chair, District III Supervisor

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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: November 2, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy