



Resolution No. 2019/20-27
LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

in honor of

Barbara Bannar

WHEREAS, Barbara Bannar was first elected to the Board of Education of the Lake Tahoe Unified School District in 2003, served a four-year term, and then was appointed five years later in 2012, serving until that term ended in 2014. Then, because she just couldn't get enough, ran and succeeded in two subsequent elections in 2014 and 2018, serving for a total of 11 years and 5 months. Barbara moved out of the Tahoe area in March, 2020, resulting in her resignation, but during her tenure, served graciously as Board President for 5 years.

WHEREAS, raising her two children, Brandon and Allison, in South Lake Tahoe, Barbara felt a connection to the families of this magical place, and sought ways in which her talents and intellect could help to enhance Tahoe society. With her Bachelor's degree in Communications from Rutgers University, and a Master's in Business Administration from Drexel University, Barbara proved to be a major asset to the Board of Education and the fate of Lake Tahoe Unified.

WHEREAS, in 2005, alongside her fellow Board members, she conducted a superintendent search and helped to select Dr. James Tarwater, a superintendent that would ultimately serve for 15 years, and transform the school district into state-of-the art facilities, innovative technologies, and superior educational programs.

WHEREAS, through her collaborative approach to boardsmanship, noteworthy leadership skills, and high level of professionalism, she built trusting relationships with the whole community. These qualities contributed to the success of the Measure G bond as her outreach and campaigning efforts were vital in gaining voter support.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Measure G bond brought \$64.5 million to the district and allowed the district to co-fund an additional \$34 million, setting the district on a path to educational opportunities of epic proportions.

WHEREAS, Barbara's strong belief in public education, and her genuine care for the success of every student, guided her decisions unwaveringly. She was a strong supporter of bringing 1:1 computing to the district in 2011, and the expansion of programs such as Two-Way Bilingual Immersion, visual and performing arts, athletics, themed elementary schools, and Career Technical Education.

WHEREAS, above all else, Barbara is a child advocate. Her deep compassion for children, their well-being, and their vast potential, was the driving force behind every action she made. She saw the "big-picture" of her community through the lens of equity and worked to ensure that all students had access to the same opportunities. She advocated for families as a whole – she knew that a child's success correlates with a healthy home life, and she helped to break down barriers by supporting better communication protocols, counseling and mental health services, and easier access to housing, clothing, and other basic needs. Barbara knows that there is a giant dreaming big dreams, inside every child.

WHEREAS, Barbara was a faithful and contributing resident of South Lake Tahoe for 25 years. Tahoe will always hold a place in her heart, and it's mutual. She is sorely missed, but such is life, that we are called to new adventures! LTUSD is jealous of her new oceanside community, that they will now benefit from her good will, beautiful smile, witty ways, and big love.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Larry Reilly, on behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Lake Tahoe Unified School District, do hereby commend, Barbara Bannar, and express our deepest appreciation for her dedication and selfless service to our families, students, staff, and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of June, 2020, at the City of South Lake Tahoe, California.

Larry Reilly, Board of Education President