



## Special Education Appreciation Day

The Board of Education  
Pittsburg Unified School District  
**Resolution 18-67**

**Theme:** Overcoming Barriers: Reaching for a brighter future

**WHEREAS**, In 1975, President Gerald Ford and the 94th United States Congress enacted Public Law 94-142, the nation's first federal special education law, with the goal of providing children with disabilities the same opportunity to receive free educational opportunities as those children without disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, In 1990, this historic legislation was revised and renamed as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to further ensure students with disabilities are provided with free appropriate public education, tailored to their individual needs;

**WHEREAS**, In 2004, the most recent amendments to IDEA were passed by Congress with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, further mandating equity, accountability and excellence in education for children with disabilities;

**WHEREAS**, The California Department of Education encourages the recognition of December 2nd as National Special Education Day;

**WHEREAS**, The Special Education Department for the Pittsburg Unified School District strives to ensure that every SpEd scholar has access to a high quality academic instructional program and services that supports their needs to access such academic program compared to their General Education peers;

**WHEREAS**, The District strides to ensure that our SpEd students are educated in a Least Restrictive Environment;

**WHEREAS**, The District offers a whole host of SpEd programs and services to serve the needs of our students including but not limited to:

- Adapted Physical Education (APE);
- Autism Support Program
- Assistive Technology (AT);
- Special Day Classes: Mild-to-Moderate and Moderate-to-Severe Programs
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Resource Programs
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**WHEREAS**, Special Education Day is an opportunity to acknowledge the continued need to work together as educators, parents, families, administrators, and staff to provide all students with the highest quality educational experience; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Governing Board of the Pittsburg Unified School District hereby recognizes December 2, 2019 as Special Education Day;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to post a copy of this resolution at our School Sites.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to ensure that there are simplified resources available to ensure parents understands their rights as parent(s) of (a) Special Education student(s).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, on February 6, 2019 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 3  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2

Duane Smith, Board President