

Linda Darling-Hammond, President, and Members of the State Board of Education
State Board of Education
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RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 *Mathematics Framework*

Dear President Darling-Hammond and Members of the State Board of Education:

I, Ma Bernadette Andres-Salgarino, am writing to express my wholehearted support for the revised *Mathematics Framework*. As the President-Elect of the California Mathematics Council, Board Member of TODOS Mathematics for All, and a member of Math CFCC, I am committed to advocating for a high-quality mathematics education that propels the success of ALL students in college, career, and life.

The revised *Mathematics Framework* is a significant step in addressing the urgent need to improve mathematics teaching and learning. It strongly emphasizes equity and excellence, recognizing and celebrating students' diverse backgrounds, genders, races, cultures, religions, and achievements. Furthermore, it outlines clear strategies to ensure that every student receives the necessary support and challenges to thrive in their chosen pathways to success.

A key strength of the revised *Mathematics Framework* is its student-centered approach. It provides comprehensive guidance to educators in establishing a system of support that aligns with rigorous, focused, and coherent standards, as exemplified through the Big Ideas. By centering on students, the framework fosters engagement and ownership of learning, empowering students to become active participants in their mathematical journey.

I am particularly enthusiastic about the framework's emphasis on expanding access to joyful and relevant mathematics through Data Science for TK - 12. By equipping students with the knowledge, understanding, and skills to use data as a tool for mathematical reasoning and problem-solving, the revised *Mathematics Framework* ensures that students are prepared to navigate the increasingly data-driven world. This focus on Data Science will enhance students' critical thinking and analytical abilities, enabling them to make informed decisions and contributions to society.

Equally important is the framework's dedication to inclusivity and belonging. It provides strategies to support diverse learners, including Multilingual Learners, students with disabilities,

and students from historically marginalized communities. This commitment to inclusivity ensures that all students have equitable access to high-quality mathematics education, fostering a sense of belonging and creating opportunities for success.

As a parent and an experienced educator, I implore the State Board of Education to adopt the 2023 *Mathematics Framework*. This framework empowers students and their families, maximizing opportunities for growth and development. California cannot afford to wait any longer; we must take bold action to propel our children forward and enable them to thrive. For these compelling reasons, I wholeheartedly support the adoption of the 2023 *Mathematics Framework*.

Thank you for your attention on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ma Bernadette Salgarino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Ma Bernadette Andres-Salgarino

President-Elect, California Mathematics Council