

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

Meeting Date: February 4, 2016

<u>Subject</u>: Approve Resolution No. 2869: Recognition of National No One Eats Alone Day, February 12, 2016

Division: Superintendent

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2869: Recognition of National No One Eats Alone Day, February 12, 2016.

Background/Rationale: No One Eats Alone Day is sponsored by Beyond Differences, a nonprofit founded by the parents of Lili Smith, who was born with a cranial facial syndrome and was socially isolated during her middle school years. After Lili died at the age of 15 from medical complications associated with her syndrome, a group of her former classmates from the local community banded together to bring change to their schools. That small group has grown into thousands who support National No One Eats Alone Day. During lunch on February 12, students can make a difference by ensuring that everyone is included at lunch. This program aligns with the district's extensive work to make our schools safer and healthier places for children to learn. SCUSD was one of the first districts in the region to pass a sweeping anti-bullying policy and employs a full-time Bullying Prevention Specialist. The program will be expanded this year to all middle schools District-wide.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Clean, and Healthy Schools.

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 2869

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes Submitted by: Jessie Ryan, Board Second Vice President Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

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RESOLUTION NO. 2869

Recognition of National No One Eats Alone Day

WHEREAS, social isolation is a problem that affects far too many youth in our middle schools; and

WHEREAS, social isolation can all too often be a precursor to teasing, bullying, and even violence to oneself and others; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Differences was established in 2010 to create an end to social isolation by changing the culture of middle school; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Differences is dedicated to the proposition that all students should feel included, valued, and accepted by their peers; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Differences has had a tremendous impact because it is a teen-led social movement which emphasizes peer to peer training and school-based activities; and

WHEREAS, <u>www.nooneeatsalone.org</u> is being used as a web tool to sign up schools to encourage their participation; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Differences Teen Board has been leading middle school assembly programs for four years and has presented to nearly 10,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Beyond Differences is leading National No One Eats Alone Day, "Spread the Love," on February 12, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District joins Beyond Differences in proclaiming February 12, 2016, National No One Eats Alone Day and encourages all middle schools to join in this effort and hold a No One Eats Alone on their campus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 4th day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

Christina Pritchett President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda Secretary of the Board of Education