



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.4

Meeting Date: May 5, 2016

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2881: Recognition of National Foster Care Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2881: Resolution to Recognize National Foster Care Month.

Background/Rationale: Foster parents, relative caregivers, group home staff, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers provide valuable support and compassionate encouragement to the youth in foster care across the nation, the state, and our district. During the month of May Sacramento City Unified School District would like to honor the contributions of the families, organizations, agencies and individuals who contribute to the stability, educational achievement, and emotional and physical well-being of youth in foster care. The district would also like to raise awareness of the challenges many students in foster care face by showing an engaging video that depicts the possible daily struggles students in foster care face.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): College and Career Ready Students; Safe, Clean and Healthy Schools; Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 2881

Estimated Time of Presentation: 20

Submitted by: Christina Pritchett, Board Vice President, Trustee Area 3

Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. 2881

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month originated in 1988 when the National Foster Parent Association influenced the United States Senate to introduce a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Federal, State and local governments including the State of California have proclaimed May as National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, relative caregivers, group home staff, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers provide valuable support and compassionate encouragement to the approximately 415,000¹ youth in foster care across the United States, more than 56,000² of whom reside in the State of California; and over 500³ reside within Sacramento City Unified School District annually; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor the contributions of the families, organizations, agencies and individuals who contribute to the stability, educational achievement and emotional and physical well-being of youth in foster care, and aim to raise awareness of the challenges and strengths of foster youth; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Education provided grant funding for Sacramento City Unified School District's Foster Youth Services program from 1973 to 2015—when the grant ended—to provide tutoring, advocacy, school enrollment/re-entry support, transition and emancipation support, counseling and to increase interagency support for youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District Foster Youth Services, in collaboration with Sacramento City Unified teachers and other staff members, provides exemplary educational services and support for students in foster care each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of May as National Foster Care Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sacramento City Unified School District honors the public and community agencies, groups and individuals who provide care and support for youth in foster care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sacramento City Unified district staff members recognize the unique challenges faced by youth in foster care and are committed to increasing the level of awareness on issues facing those youth and their outcomes by incorporating an increased focus on

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb> Data current as of July 2015

² US. Department of Health and Human Services. Same as above.

³ Barrat, V. X., & Berliner, B. (2013). The Invisible Achievement Gap, Part 1: Education Outcomes of Students in Foster Care in California's Public Schools. San Francisco: WestEd.

goals and supports specifically for students in foster care in the 2016-17 Local Control Accountability Plan, as outlined by leading foster youth agencies across the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 5th day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education