



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: April 4, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3396: Recognition of Adult Education Week

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

Division: Adult Education

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3396: Recognition of Adult Education Week.

Background/Rationale: Adult Education Week highlights the importance of continuous learning beyond formal schooling. It emphasizes the value of education at all stages of life, promoting a culture of lifelong learning. Adult education plays a crucial role in empowering individuals to acquire new skills, enhance their knowledge, and improve their overall quality of life. This resolution serves as a reminder of the transformative power of education in enabling personal growth and development. Adult education contributes to addressing various societal challenges such as unemployment, poverty, and social inequality. By providing opportunities for adults to further their education and skills, this resolution supports efforts to build more resilient and inclusive communities. A skilled and knowledgeable workforce is essential for driving economic growth and innovation. Adult Education Week underscores the importance of investing in adult education and training programs to enhance workforce readiness and competitiveness. Adult Education fosters social cohesion by bringing people from diverse backgrounds together to learn and collaborate. Adult Education Week promotes the idea of education as a means of bridging divides and building stronger, more cohesive societies. This resolution provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of adult learners, educators, and institutions dedicated to adult education. It recognizes their efforts in overcoming challenges and pursuing educational goals later in life. Overall, the rationale for the Adult Education Week resolution encompasses the promotion of lifelong learning, empowerment of individuals, addressing societal challenges, supporting

economic growth, fostering social cohesion, and celebrating the achievements of adult learners and educators.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s):

Goal 1: College Career Readiness

Goal 2: Foundational Educational Experience with Equitable

Goal 9: Focus on Students with Disabilities

Goal 5: Engagement/Empowerment

Goal 4: Culture and Climate – Dismantling Systems

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution Adult Education Week

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: (Yvonne Wright, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Carla Galbraith, Interim Director Adult Education)

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent

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RESOLUTION NO. 3396

Resolution No. 3396: Recognition of Adult Education Week

WHEREAS, the first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Adult Schools have been utilized on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues through job training programs during World War II, immigration reform of the 1980s, and most recently, the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved for adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, over 66% of adult learners enrolled in Adult Schools across California in the 2022-2023 school year were between the ages of 25-54, making them very likely to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, amid the COVID-19 pandemic Adult Education continued to provide critical programming and services to our adult education students and their families via literacy and basic skills to help ensure our K12 students were successful as they navigated the challenge of distance learning to finish the school year; and

WHEREAS, amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing today, Adult Education provides important short term career training programs, including critical healthcare positions, to address both the short and long term impacts and to respond to Governor Newsom's charge to meet the moment and address the needs of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the California Adult Education Program celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, having been established into law in 2014;

WHEREAS, the State of California will proclaim Adult Education Week during the week of April 7 through April 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Sacramento City Unified School District strongly supports Adult Education as an important part of the development of human beings.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Sacramento City Unified School District strongly urges the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, and the California Legislature to recognize the important role of K12 Adult Education in addressing the needs of our communities in the short and long term and to increase access to programs and services for the most in-need and not yet reached members of our great State.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4 day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTESTED TO:

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education

Lavinia Grace Phillips
President of the Board of Education