



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.3

**Meeting Date:** September 21, 2023

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3346 Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month

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

**Division:** Multilingual Literacy Department

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution No. 3346 Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month

**Background/Rationale:** September 15 through October 15, 2023 is National Hispanic Heritage Month, which was started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The SCUSD Board of Education recognizes the positive influences Hispanics have on the country and in the community through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service, and commends the many local community organizations that support their progress, enrich their culture, and celebrate the multiethnic and multicultural customs of the Hispanic communities. The District recognizes the contributions of local Hispanic leaders, District staff, students, and their families.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**LCAP Goal:** Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3346

**Estimated time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

**Submitted by:** Lavinia Phillips, Board Member

and Olga L. Simms, Director III Multilingual Literacy

**Approved by:** Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3346**

**RECOGNITION OF  
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento City Unified School District takes great pride in joining citizens throughout the country in recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month, which honors the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, the first national recognition of Hispanic heritage began with an observation of one week in 1968 and was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402, to cover a 30-day span beginning on September 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, we must not forget that Brazil celebrates their independence day on September 7 (1822), Mexico on September 16 (1810), Chile on September 18 (1810), respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, California is one of thirteen states in America with a population of more than 1 million or more Hispanic residents.

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month “Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America,” recognizes the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S. with the introduction of two powerful concepts of "Flip the script" and "Asset values framing" geared to challenge negative stereotypes and biases about Hispanics, promoting a more inclusive and positive narrative that reflects the strength and resilience of our communities. Additionally, the concept of "Asset values framing" allows the shift the focus from deficits to strengths, highlighting the positive contributions of Hispanics to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento City Unified School District serves more than 16,112 Hispanic students or about 41 percent of the student population; and

**WHEREAS**, 250 students have received the Spanish Language Seal of Biliteracy through the Multilingual Literacy Department in Sacramento City Unified School District in the 2022-23 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento City Unified School District is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes for English language learners and all students in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education recognizes the positive influences Hispanics have on our country, our state, our communities, and our district

which support their progress, enrich their culture, and celebrate the multiethnic and multicultural customs of the Hispanic communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that appropriate classroom activities take place that illustrate the value, role, and contributions of Hispanics to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sacramento City Unified Board of Education declares September 15 through October 15, 2023, as National Hispanic Heritage Month, recognizes the contributions of local Hispanic leaders, District staff, students, and their families.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 21st day of September, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lisa Allen  
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Chinua Rhodes  
President of the Board of Education



## **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH RESOURCES**

Instructions: The resources below are to support your classroom activities during Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15). We encourage you to choose from these daily activities to activate your students' cross-cultural awareness of Hispanic culture and their impactful contributions nationally and internationally.

<b>GRADES</b>	<b>RESOURCE LINKS</b>
TK-2	<a href="#">Reading Rockets</a> <a href="#">11 Picture Books Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month</a> <a href="#">National Education Association</a> <a href="#">Studies Weekly</a> <a href="#">Teacher Vision</a> <a href="#">Common Sense Education</a> <a href="#">9 National Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for Students: A Celebration of Culture</a>
3-6	<a href="#">Reading Rockets</a> <a href="#">11 Picture Books Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month</a> <a href="#">National Education Association</a> <a href="#">Studies Weekly</a> <a href="#">Spanish Mama: Teaching Spanish &amp; Spanglish Living</a> <a href="#">Teacher Vision</a> <a href="#">Common Sense Education</a> <a href="#">9 National Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for Students: A Celebration of Culture</a>
7-12	<a href="#">Reading Rockets</a> <a href="#">National Education Association</a> <a href="#">Studies Weekly</a> <a href="#">Spanish Mama: Teaching Spanish &amp; Spanglish Living</a> <a href="#">Teacher Vision</a> <a href="#">Common Sense Education</a> <a href="#">9 National Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for Students: A Celebration of Culture</a>