



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.1

Meeting Date : September 6, 2018

Subject : Approve Resolution No. 3030 : Recognition of National Attendance Awareness Month, September 2018

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

Division : Equity, Access and Excellence

Recommendation : Approve Resolution No. 3030: Recognition of Attendance Awareness Month, September 2018.

Background/Rationale : This year SCUSD launches our “Be HERE” campaign to educate our families about chronic absence and the importance of good school attendance. Students not reading well by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of

high school. That’s why we have to work together to get our kids to school every day and on time. This is a joint effort with our students, families, schools and our community

American, Latino, and Native American students and our most vulnerable children who are in foster care or homeless.

Sacramento City Unified School District is asking for your support in meeting our goal of 98% average daily attendance for all schools district-wide during the month of September. The campaign to end chronic absence continues all year long as we strive to reduce our chronic absence rate district-wide to 10% during the 18-19 school year! Attendance is IMPORTANT!

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RESOLUTION NO. 3030

RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District's Guiding Principle of Equity Access and Social Justice strives to ensure that all students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options;

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement, graduation, and lifelong success, and we are committed

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address the factors that keep children from getting to school

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby proclaim that our school district will stand with the nation in recognizing September as "Attendance Awareness Month." We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

Specifically, we shall

1. Raise public awareness and concern about the toxic impact of chronic absence through our youth-led Be HERE! Campaign
2. Encourage broad community engagement and sustained civic action to help families get their children to school every day
3. Partner with local organizations like WALKS Sacramento and City Year Sacramento to have school-based attendance interventions

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