

# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1

**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2022

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3273: Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

**Division:** Youth Development

**Recommendation:** Approve proposed resolution.

**Background/Rationale:** May 2022 has been designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The month of May was initially chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. The Resolution recognizes the importance of the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans within our community, state and nation.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment; Safer Schools Resolution No. 3273

Estimated Time of Presentation: 15 minutes

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3273**

**Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

**WHEREAS**, One of the earliest records of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in the United States dates back to 1763 in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Filipino sailors who worked the Manila-Acapulco trade route settled; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made indelible contributions to the history of California and the United States that include, but are not limited to, building the Transcontinental Railroad, serving honorably in the Armed Forces, fighting for the United States in foreign wars, co-organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and advocating for civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have endured hardships, including unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination in some of the darkest times in our state's and nation's history, including the Chinese Exclusion Act, naturalized citizenship ineligibility, the Alien Land Law, anti-miscegenation laws, and Japanese internment; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans continue to cultivate, advance, and lead in the fields of art, fashion, business, technology, education, science, government, law, humanities, medicine

**WHEREAS**, California's Asian and Pacific Islander American entrepreneurs are innovative and lead many successful businesses to the pinnacle of their respective industries nationally and globally, and 31.5 percent of the nation's Asian-owned businesses are in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Sacramento City Unified School District has more than 9000 students who identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander Americans; now, therefore, be it

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the month of May 2022 and every May thereafter be recognized as Asian American Pacific Islander heritage month in SCUSD.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 19th day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

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

ATTESTED TO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Pritchett  
President of the Board of Education

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Jorge A. Aguilar  
Secretary of the Board of Education