

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: February 1, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3381: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2024

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
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- Conference/Action
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- Public Hearing

Division: Human Resources Services

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3381: Recognition of National African American History Month, February 2024.

Background/Rationale: February has been designated as National African American History Month. The Resolution recognizes the importance of honoring the significant contributions of African Americans on society, nationally and globally. The Resolution acknowledges the need for culturally relevant curriculum that outlines these contributions of African Americans. It states that SCUSD must strive to develop a deeper understanding of the disproportionate hardships many African American

continue addressing such disparities through thoughtful and holistic policy, programming,

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3381

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2024**

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a national tradition established in response to incomplete and biased depictions of Black Twentieth-century (e)-documents and school curricula

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize that Black History extends far beyond the era of slavery, encompassing a rich tapestry of experiences, achievements, innovations and cultural contributions that have played a crucial role in shaping the world we live in today;

WHEREAS, African Americans shaped our world and nation in countless ways - those recognized, unrecognized and unrecorded; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African American citizens, scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, elected officials, clergy, service people, entertainers, athletes and explorers of earth and sky, have been recognized annually during National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, 2023 California School Dashboard results show significant disproportionality in the outcomes for Black students compared to all District students; specifically the District's graduation rate is 84% for all students and only 74% for Black students; the District's suspension rate is 6% for all students and 15% for Black students; the District's College and Career Indicator shows that 33% of all students are prepared for post-secondary college and career opportunities, but only 12% of our Black students are prepared; the Chronic Absenteeism rate for all students is 29%, but 49% for Black students; and finally, 30% and 17% of Black Students were meeting grade level standards in ELA and Math respectively, while 38% and 29% of all students met grade level standards in ELA and Math, respectively; and

WHEREAS, within our district, there are a total 5,673 students who received Special Education services during the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education has received recommendations at the advisement of the African American Task Force;

WHEREAS, during Black History Month and throughout the year, the District is committed to fostering inclusivity and equity by creating anti-biased, anti-racist working and learning environments, exploring Black History and providing culturally-relevant educational experiences, addressing close health, opportunity and achievement disparities for black students, employ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of February as Black History Month to celebrate the experiences and contributions of SCUSD Black students, families, staff and community members;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will encourage all staff and members of the community to recognize and celebrate National Black History Month through culturally relevant activities and programming.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this school Board encourages the promotion of cultural awareness, fostering an environment where students and educators alike appreciate the richness of Black history throughout the entire year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that during Black History Month, the District will prominently display

and well-being into a comprehensive toolkit to be provided to staff across all SCUSD departments and sites for the 2024-25 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the District will continue to expand school-to-college and school-to-career opportunities and partnerships in our local Black community to support efforts in raising awareness about opportunities that can be key in keeping students engaged in academic and social life; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the district will continue to provide and expand professional learning that supports educator exploration of Black History, the development of anti-racist, anti-biased practices and the design of culturally-relevant learning experiences in order to address health, opportunity and achievement disparities for black students, employees and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 1st day of February, 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