

# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.4

# Meeting Date: October 7, 2021

# <u>Subject</u>: Approve Resolution No. 3229: In Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, September 13 – 24, 2021

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)

Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)

- Conference/Action
- Action
  - Public Hearing

**Division:** Board of Education Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3229: Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, September 13 – 24, 2021.

**Background/Rationale:** In 2014, Assembly Bill 1817 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown designating the last two full weeks in April and September as High School Voter Education Weeks. This legislation provides an opportunity for high schools to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation, and foster an environment that encourages voting.

The Resolution recognizes the importance participating in our democracy and encouraging others to do the same. It also calls upon our high schools and staff to encourage eligible students to pre-register to vote and to automatically become active voters once they turn 18.

### Financial Considerations: None

**LCAP Goal(s):** College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Family and Community Empowerment

#### **Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3229

**Estimated Time of Presentation**: 5 minutes **Submitted by**: Jacqueline Zhang **Approved by**: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3229**

## "California High School Voter Education Weeks, September 13-24, 2021"

**WHEREAS**, California<sup>7</sup>s Secretary of State<sup>7</sup> who serves as the state<sup>7</sup>s chief elections official; is committed to strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and increasing participation in all elections by all eligible Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, young people play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them; and

**WHEREAS**, 16-and 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote and then automatically become active voters once they turn 18; and

**WHEREAS**, high schools are encouraged to offer voter registration to eligible students with links to the state's online voter registration application through the school website or other electronic communications; and

**WHEREAS**, high school administrators are encouraged to name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to encourage student voter registration during High School Voter Education Weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, students are encouraged to participate in our democracy through civics and voter education programs, working as poll workers, and by encouraging their peers, family members, and community to register to vote and participate in elections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Sacramento City Unified School District encourage all District High Schools to participate in **CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS** September 13-24, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 7th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

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

ATTESTED TO:

Christina Pritchett, Board President

Jorge A. Aguilar Secretary of the Board of Education