



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 7.2

Meeting Date: November 21, 2019

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3112: Recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month, November 2019

- 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

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3112: Recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month, November 2019.

Background/Rationale: National Adoption Month is an initiative of the Children's Bureau with a goal to increase national awareness and bring attention to the need for permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. foster care system. The Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education understands public schools serve a number of nontraditional families, including but not limited to, adopted, guardian, and foster families. The Board of Education also understands that loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption. The adoption of this resolution would signify November 2019 at National Adoption Month.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goals: College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Engagement; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3112

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes Submitted by: Nathaniel Browning, Policy and Governance Manager for the Board Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3112

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, NOVEMBER 2019

WHEREAS, public education serves a wide variety of students from traditional as well as nontraditional families, including but not limited to, adopted, guardian, and foster;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District understands that loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption;

WHEREAS, on any given day there are nearly 443,000 children in foster care, and there are 690,000 children who spent time in the foster care system in the United States in 2017;

WHEREAS, in 2017, 62 percent of the children in foster care in the United States are age 10 or younger;

WHEREAS, the average length of time a child spends in foster care is approximately 2 years;

WHEREAS, in 2017, one third of the children entering the United States foster care system were young people of color;

WHEREAS, for many foster children, the wait for a loving family in which the children are nurtured, comforted, and protected seems endless;

WHEREAS, in 2017, over 17,000 youth aged out of foster care by reaching adulthood without being placed in a permanent home;

WHEREAS, a 2007 survey conducted by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption demonstrated that although Americans overwhelmingly support the concept of adoption, and in particular foster care adoption;

WHEREAS, foster care adoptions have increased by more than 9.5% between the years of 2013 and 2016;

WHEREAS, while nearly a quarter of individuals in the United States have considered adoption, a majority of individuals in the United States have misperceptions about the process of adopting children from foster care and the children who are eligible for adoption;

WHEREAS, 50 percent of individuals in the United States believe that children enter the foster care system because of juvenile delinquency, when in reality the vast majority of children who have entered the foster care system were victims of neglect, abandonment, or abuse;

WHEREAS, 39 percent of individuals in the United States believe that foster care adoption is expensive, when in reality there is no substantial cost for adopting from foster care and financial support is available to adoptive parents after the adoption is finalized; and

WHEREAS, November is National Adoption Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education:

1. Supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Month;
2. Recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and
3. Encourages individuals within the local community to consider adoption during the month of November and all throughout the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 21st day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Jessie Ryan
President, Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Superintendent