SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

Meeting Date: March 16, 2017

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2933: In Support of Retaining Adult Education

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

Division: Adult Education

Recommendation: The Sacramento City Unified Board of Education is requested to approve the attached resolution 2933 in support of sustaining funding for adult education.

Background/Rationale: Currently the funding for adult education is through the Adult Education Basic Grant (AEBG). Perception regarding the term "grant" is proving to be problematic both with the community college districts, K12 school districts, and individual adult schools as it implies a finite funding source. This resolution is in support of and advocacy for clear legislated language and accompanying on-going state funding for Adult Education. Programs in adult education provide an invaluable opportunity for adult students to earn certificates and apprenticeships in a variety of Career Technical Education (CTE) fields, acquire English language proficiency, and achieve a High School Equivalency with the ultimate goal of attaining gainful employment.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goals: College and Career Ready Students

Documents Attached:
Adult Education Resolution

Estimated Time of Presentation: NA	
Submitted by:	Iris Taylor, Ed.D. Chief Academic Officer; Susan Gilmore, Ph.D. Director, Adult Education
Approved by:	José Banda, Superintendent

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RESOLUTION 2933.
In Support of Retaining Adult Education in K-12

WHEREAS, the first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Adult Schools have been called upon on numerous occasions to assist the state as it dealt with significant social, political, and economic issues. Examples include: job training programs during the Great Depression; training skilled and under skilled workers during World War II; and preparing millions of residents for citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved to adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City School District successfully serves 4,000 students a year and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community based organizations through the Adult Education Block Grant System, Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City School District provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Sacramento and the surrounding communities, including: Job Preparation Classes, High School Equivalency Classes, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Citizenship Classes, and classes for Adults with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City School District served 1,000 students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in the 2015-16 school year, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year tutoring their own children; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento City School District provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Sacramento City School District Unified School District strongly supports supporting Adult Education as an important part of the Sacramento City School District.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Sacramento City School District strongly urges the Governor of California, Jerry Brown, and the California Department of Education to provide ongoing, stable support for Adult Education programs by revising the term “grant” in Adult Education Block Grant to indicate a more consistent, stable and long-term funding source.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSENTIONS:

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BOARD SECRETARY BOARD PRESIDENT