



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.2

**Meeting Date:** October 13, 2022

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3292: Recognition of Sacramento Poetry Day, October 26, 2022

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

**Division:** Board Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3292: Recognition of Sacramento Poetry Day, October 26.

**Background/Rationale:** October 26 was declared as Sacramento Poetry Day in 1986 and recently renewed by Andru Defeye, the City's youngest Poet Laureate . The Resolution recognizes the contributions of poets and the importance of poetry in the community and in education and requests October 26 of each year to be recognized as Sacramento Poetry Day.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** College, Career, & Life-Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally-Healthy & Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; and Operational Excellence

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3292

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

**Submitted by:** Chinua Rhodes, Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Charles "CJ" Deangelus, Coordinator, VAPA

**Approved by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3292

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SACRAMENTO POETRY DAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

WHEREAS

Poetry  
exists in the breath of all cultures;  
a bridge between our ancestors and our  
children.

WHEREAS

Poets  
have always been sought after  
for insights into ourselves  
and hope in dark times.

WHEREAS

Poetry  
is scientifically proven  
to benefit the mind and body  
when felt by the heart.

WHEREAS

Poetry is  
art  
language  
history  
science  
and math.

WHEREAS

Sacramento  
is the capital of California  
and sets precedent  
for art, the arts, and artists  
worldwide.

WHEREAS

Sacramento Poetry Day  
was declared in 1986  
and given new life by  
Andru Defeye,  
the city's youngest Poet Laureate,  
in 2022 as part of his  
American Academy of Poets  
fellowship.

WHEREAS

Sacramento  
values and protects poets  
because Sacramento  
appreciates how poets  
enrich and protect the city.

BE IT RESOLVED

October 26th, every year  
Sacramento Poetry Day shall be recognized  
and celebrated across the SCUSD  
For the District and supported by the District  
as gratitude for the daily work our poets do  
to heal  
empower  
and inspire  
Sacramento

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED

SCUSD recognizes  
the contributions of  
Andru Defeye as Poet Laureate,  
the Poet Laureate program,  
the Youth Poet Laureate program,  
and all of the poetry collectives, events,  
and spaces that have made  
and continue to make Sacramento  
the poetry capital of California.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED

SCUSD will  
set an example and  
value poets  
at their worth  
as the powerful resource they are  
in our communities  
in education  
and in connection  
as leaders and visionaries  
  
and create further opportunities  
for Sacramento poets and poetry to thrive.

And so it is.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 13th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

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

ATTESTED TO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jorge A. Aguilar  
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Christina Pritchett  
President of the Board of Education