

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item<u># 9.1</u>

Meeting Date: April 27, 2023

<u>Subject</u>: Approve Resolution No. 3311: In Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, April 17 – 28, 2023

- 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. 3311: Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, April 17 – 28, 2023.

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:

Resolution No. 3311

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes Submitted by: Manpreet Kaur, Director Youth Development Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3311

"California High School Voter Education Weeks, April 17-28, 2023 & September 18-29-2023"

WHEREAS, California⁷s Secretary of State⁷who serves as the state'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** April 17-28, 2023 & September 18-29-2023

BE IT RESOLVED the 2023-2024 Student Advisory Council will provide guidance and encouragement to students to participate through site based advocacy in collaboration with their administration at each SCUSD high school

BE IT Further RESOLVED that efforts of student-led voter education advocacy shall be recognized and supported by district leaders and school administrations at each SCUSD high school

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 27th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

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

ATTESTED TO:

Chinua Rhode, Board President

Jorge A. Aguilar Secretary of the Board of Education