



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.3

**Meeting Date:** November 2, 2023

**Subject:** RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH,  
NOVEMBER 2023

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

**Division:** Deputy Superintendent/Youth Development Support Services

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No.3365 - Resolution of National Native American Heritage Month

**Background/Rationale:** The month of November is designated as National Native American Heritage Month. This observance commemorates the history, heritage, and culture of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. It is during this month we acknowledge the vast achievements of America's original indigenous people.

**Financial Considerations:** Title VI, Title I and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) grant

**LCAP Goal(s):**

- Goal 3: Integrated Supports
- Goal 4: Culture and Climate – Dismantling Systems
- Goal 5: Engagement/Empowerment

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 3365

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 5 minutes

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**Approved by:** Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 3365**

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH,  
NOVEMBER 2023**

**WHEREAS**, National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento City Unified School District resides on lands of the Nisenan and Miwok people;

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions hold a deeply rooted sense of community, have made and continue to make distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including the fields of agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;

**WHEREAS**, California has the highest Native American population in the country, it is home to 109 federally recognized tribes, with approximately 81 groups seeking recognition;

**WHEREAS**, Over one-half of the state's Native American population is composed of individuals (and now their descendants) who were relocated to large urban areas as part of the federal government's termination policy;

**WHEREAS**, Before the missionary, fur trapping, and gold rush era migrations, California's Native American population was estimated at about 200,000, between 1840 and 1870, the population declined to 12,000 due to disease, forced removal, and death;

**WHEREAS**, the Census Bureau estimated that, in 2020, there were more than 631,016 individuals of Native American descent in California and more than 18,637 in the county of Sacramento;

**WHEREAS**, 2022-2023 CDE Dataquest information indicates there are 26,108 Native American students in California and 216 in SCUSD, a recent review of Infinite Campus data indicates there are 514 SCUSD American Indian students that are classified as two or more races;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District, that the District is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes for Native American students and all students in the region;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD's American Indian Education Program (AIEP) provides academic assistance, cultural programs, back to school events, summer programs, college mentoring, field trips and graduation recognitions for American Indian students enrolled in the program;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP continues supporting students by providing services for self-identified American Indian students who are unable to enroll in AIEP due to lack of documentation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP continues the American Indian Educator classroom visit project that allows teachers to request a classroom visit from a trained Native American educator;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-Youth Development continues having two staff members, Youth Services Specialist and Youth Services Program Associate, dedicated to meeting the needs of Native students in SCUSD with one position, Youth Services Program Associate, dedicated to assisting 9th-12th grade Native American students in meeting high school graduation requirements and planning for their post-secondary education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP works in partnership with a Parent Advisory committee that meets once a month to address the needs of Native American students in our district;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP continues distributing resources to teachers and staff for Native American Heritage Month and share with students and families enrolled in AIEP;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education recognizes the need of continued funding and leveraging Title VI and other grants such as Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and Title I is required for the success of the AIEP;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP continues consulting with local tribes to bring resources and accurate historical information to students, families and staff;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD-AIEP continues advocating for accurate information, authentic representation, and appropriate imagery within the district curriculum, building names, mascots and historical facts/figures;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education recognizes November 2023 as National Native American Heritage Month;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education urges schools within the District to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of November 2023, by the following vote:

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

ATTESTED TO:

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Chinua Rhodes  
President of the Board of Education

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Lisa Allen  
Interim Superintendent