

**SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2018-  
SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION NO. 3029**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council and Sacramento City Unified School Board of  
Education

August 28, 2018

**The Creation of a Regional College Promise Program Between the City of Sacramento  
City Council and the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education**

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. The future economic strength and prosperity of the Sacramento Region relies upon our ability to provide students with an equal opportunity to graduate high school with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.
- B. There is a direct correlation between poverty and low educational attainment, and 16 percent of adults in the Sacramento Region were living in poverty in 2016. Additionally, the percentage of Sacramento's poor who live in impoverished neighborhoods more than doubled between the years of 2010 and 2016.
- C. Sacramento has among the highest rates of youth unemployment in the country at 16.5 percent.
- D. Black, Latino, Southeast Asian and other underrepresented minority students have lower college completion and attainment rates than their peers for both first-time freshmen and transfer students across all segments of postsecondary education.
- E. There must be commitment to closing opportunity gaps by race, ethnicity, and among our lowest achieving student groups,
- F. A lack of a college-going culture, the total cost of postsecondary education, and unclear student pathways--among other factors, often impact a student's interest and ability to earn a postsecondary degree, certificate, or credential.
- G. Sixty-eight percent of all new jobs in California will require a post-secondary degree by 2020, and California will be short by approximately 1.1 million workers with bachelor's degrees by 2030.
- H. College graduates have increased earnings of \$1.34 Million over their lifetimes.
- I. The State of California has enacted several reforms meant to strengthen pathways into and through college including Assembly Bill (AB) 19: California College Promise, Senate Bill (SB) 1440: California Community Colleges: Student Transfer, and AB 705: Matriculation: Assessment.

- J. AB 19: California College Promise was enacted in 2017 and supports the following goals:
- Increase the number and percent of high school students prepared to attend college;
  - Increase the number and percent of students who earn an associate's degree or technical certificate that prepares them for in-demand careers;
  - Increase the percentage of students who successfully transfer to a California State University or the University of California;
  - Increase the number of students who earn a baccalaureate degree;
  - Reduce and eliminate opportunity gaps among student groups;
- K. SB 1440: California Community Colleges: Student Transfer was enacted in 2010 and supports the following goals:
- Create an Associate's Degree for transfer (ADT);
  - Create clearer transfer pathways, from community colleges to four-year universities, that reduce the number of excess units taken;
  - Increase the number of students transferring from a community college into a four-year college;
  - Provide guaranteed admissions to the California State University, and now the University of California, with Junior standing after earning an ADT;
- L. AB 705: Matriculation: Assessment was enacted in 2017 and supports the following goals:
- Ensure community college students are not placed in remedial courses that may delay or deter their educational progress if possible;
  - Provide students placement into transfer-level coursework for English and math within one year of initially enrolling;
  - Guarantee high School coursework, grades, and grade point average be used to form the basis for eligibility.
- M. Previously developed College Promise programs exist across California and the United States with proven outcomes and best practices that the partners in the Sacramento Promise can emulate.
- N. Regional approach to the Sacramento Promise, beyond the jurisdiction of any one partner, will yield the greatest economic prosperity for the family and communities within our region.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND THE SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified District Board of Education will jointly develop intersegmental partnerships among local institutions of higher education, business leaders, surrounding school districts, and other allies that will result in the development of a meaningful Sacramento Promise.

- Section 2. The City of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified District Board of Education will identify a backbone organization to help convene Sacramento Promise partners and hold those partners accountable to equitably improving student outcomes.
- Section 3. The City of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified District Board of Education will undergo a year-long planning process, guided by the continued direction of two elected representatives from each signing party, to engage with partners in developing a regional college promise program rooted in replicating and scaling best practices. Elements of the Sacramento Promise shall include, but not limited to, the following:
- a. A commitment to closing the opportunity gap for our lowest achieving student groups, including, but not limited to Black students and students with disabilities,
  - b. A robust data-sharing agreement between the intersegmental partners,
  - c. Administer the SAT or ACT college entrance for all 11th Grade SCUSD students,
  - d. High School Master Scheduling alignment to provide greater equity and access in course sequencing,
  - e. An increased focus on equitable dual enrollment opportunities,
  - f. The first year of tuition free for qualified students who enroll and attend a local institution of higher education beginning the semester immediately following high school graduation,
  - g. Continue to promote and grow workplace learning opportunities, youth development programs that prepare students for 21st century jobs, and civic engagement, and;
  - h. To promote efforts to create college savings accounts for every Kindergarten student.
- Section 4. The City of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified District Board of Education will develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is an agreement between all interested parties that outlines core commitments, roles and responsibilities in the Sacramento Promise for all parties to review and consider for adoption by September 2019.
- Section 5. The City of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified District Board of Education will secure support from the business community for the Sacramento Promise by illustrating the impact on economic development within the Sacramento Region and create pathways for students from our neighborhoods.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 28, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

*The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.*

Adopted by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on August 28, 2018, by the following vote:

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Jessie Ryan, SCUSD Board President