



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.3

Meeting Date: May 2, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution 3404: Recognition of Foster Care Awareness Month, May 2024

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

Division: Foster Youth Services Program, Student Support & Health Services Department

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 3404: Recognition of Foster Care Awareness Month

Background/Rationale:

This board resolution is to recognize May is National Foster Care Month. This resolution recognizes the important role all of us play in enhancing and supporting the lives of children and youth who are in foster care in the SCUSD community. Students in foster care represent one of the most vulnerable and academically at-risk groups enrolled in California schools. SCUSD is committed to supporting the educational outcomes and overall well-being of our youth who are in the foster care system.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal: Safe, Emotionally Healthy, and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3404

Presentation time: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Aliya Holmes, Coordinator II, Foster Youth Services
& Jacqueline Garner, Executive Director Student Support & Health Services

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

AMENDED

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION No. 3404: National Foster Care Awareness Month

May 2024

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Awareness Month originated in 1988 when the National Foster Parent Association influenced the United States Senate to introduce a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Federal State and local governments including the State of California have proclaimed May as National Foster Care Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, relative caregivers, Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP) Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP), mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers provide valuable support and compassionate encouragement to the approximately 368,000 youth in foster care across the United States, more than 68,000 of who reside in the State of California; and over 200 reside within Sacramento City Unified School District annually; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor the contributions of the families, organizations and individuals who contribute to the stability, educational achievement and emotional and physical well-being of youth in foster care, and aim to raise awareness of the challenge and strengths of foster youth, and;

WHEREAS, SCUSD Foster Youth Services, in collaboration with SCUSD teachers, administrators, and other staff members, provides exemplary educational services and support for students in foster care each year;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of May as National Foster Care Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sacramento City Unified School District staff members recognize the unique challenges faced by youth in foster care and are committed to increasing the level of awareness on issues facing those youth and their outcomes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sacramento City Unified School District commends the public and community agencies, groups and individuals who provide care and support for youth in foster care including the SCUSD Foster Youth Services staff and encourages all students and staffs to honor and recognize the valuable contributions of all those who support youth in the foster care system as we recognize National Foster Care Awareness Month;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: ____

NOES: ____

ABSTAIN: ____

ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

Lisa Allen

Secretary of the Board of Education

Lavinia Grace Phillips

President of the Board of Education