



_____ September 7, 2023

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

_____ Approve Resolution No. 3341: Recognition of Attendance Awareness Month, September 2023

_____ Chronic absence has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, from 8 million to an estimated 16 million students nationwide. That is one out of three students. Absenteeism has risen among all student groups, at every economic level. Black, Pacific Islander and Native American students, students living in poverty, students with disabilities and homeless students have been especially affected.

In Sacramento City Unified, student attendance was at an all-time low right after the pandemic with a chronic absence rate of nearly 37% in 2021-2022. The Care Team, which stands for Connect, Ask, Relate and Engage collaborated with site leaders and attendance staff to build relationships at sites and in the community. We created a culture of attendance and used real time data to make a positive impact for the first time since COVID. At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, Chronic Absenteeism decreased district wide down to 28%. That is about 3,000 fewer students that miss so much school they have a higher chance of dropping out before graduation.

Research shows that two to four missed days in the first month of school can predict chronic absence throughout the year. That is why we are here today. For the past 4 years we have recognized September as Attendance Awareness Month, this will be our 5th. Every day a student is in school is an opportunity to learn, build relationships and access support. The good news is that efforts to improve engagement and attendance

can benefit our entire society. We all prosper when SCUSD students

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3341

Attendance Awareness Month Resolution
September 2023

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 7th day of September, 2023, by the following vote:

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

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education

Chinua Rhodes
President of the Board of Education