

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

Meeting Date: January 18, 2018

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2980: Expanding Safe Haven Efforts

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

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2980: Expanding Safe Haven Efforts.

Background/Rationale: The SCUSD Board of Education passed a resolution in December 2016 declaring the District a Safe Haven, which launched a number of related efforts. The District will now focus on key policy areas that strengthen the original Safe Haven work and expand it to other topic areas and students. The approval of the attached resolution outlines the Safe Haven policy direction over the next six months, and acts as a call to action for community leaders, local advocacy groups, and partners to become engaged in the policy development process. This agenda item includes the initial drafting of a Board Policy focused on immigration enforcement activities as a starting point for the overall effort outlined in the resolution. The attached draft is based on sample policy language offered by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Financial Considerations: None.

LCAP Goal(s):

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2980

EXPANDING SAFE HAVEN EFFORTS

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016 the SCUSD Board of Education declared Sacramento City Unified School District a Safe Haven by unanimously approving Resolution No. 2915: Recognition of A Safe Haven School District;

WHEREAS, the focus of the resolution is to safeguard students and families from the climate of fear and intolerance that ensued following the 2016 National election;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education launched a districtwide campaign in which materials and workshops were shared and promoted to empower students, educators and families with information on their legal rights and direct them to resources;

WHEREAS, policies and protocols were reviewed, updated and developed that further secured any personally identifiable information of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely effected by any current or future national policies or executive actions;

WHEREAS, events and displays focused on tolerance and inclusivity will continue across the District;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District has been widely recognized by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and others across the state as a Safe Haven model because of these efforts;

WHEREAS, the District and its partners remain unequivocally committed to offering increased Safe Haven protections that ensure all students, families, and staff members—irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity and preference, socio-economic status or beliefs—an educational environment free from fear;

WHEREAS, the District and its partners, in today's uncertain national climate, recognize the need for a continued focus on creating a Safe Haven for students, families, and staff by

WHEREAS, the District has already undertaken significant efforts around the restriction of federal enforcement of immigration on campus with the passage of the December 2016 Safe Haven Resolution, protocols developed in partnership with the Sacramento City Teachers Association, and the initial drafting of a Board Policy based on sample policy language offered by the American Civil Liberties Union; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento City Unified School Board recognizes the expertise and importance of engaging community advocacy groups and partners to develop robust localized policies that best benefit our students, families and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sacramento City Unified School District, in collaboration with community groups and partners, will focus on the aforementioned policy areas between now and the end of June 2018 in order to strengthen and grow Safe Haven projections for students, families and staff;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Sacramento City Unified School Board calls upon community leaders, local advocacy groups, and partners to engage in monthly policy development dialog around the district's Safe Haven efforts in order to develop thoughtful and impactful policies that will build upon the Safe Haven work previously completed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee of the Sacramento City Unified School Board will host monthly meetings were advocacy groups and partners are invited to help steer the direction of future Safe Haven policy within the district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education on this 18th day of January, 2018, by the following vote:

A YES: ____

NOES: ____

ABSTAIN: ____

ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

Jessie Ryan
President of the Board of Education

Mai Vang
Chair, Policy and Governance Committee

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education

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