

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attendance Awareness Month

RESOLUTION NO. 2024/25-E-05

September 12, 2024

On the motion of Trustee O'Neal and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student engagement, achievement, and high school graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our attention and resources to reducing chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism is defined as any pupil who misses 10 percent or more of school for any reason, making no distinction between excused or unexcused absences.

WHEREAS, Attendance Awareness Month raises public responsiveness that students who have good attendance in September are most likely to thrive all year long. Research shows that just missing two or more days of school in September is a warning sign that a student is more likely to have problems with attendance the rest of the year; and

WHEREAS, the impact of chronic absenteeism hits students particularly hard if they do not have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom. Students who are chronically absent any year between eighth and twelfth grade are 7.4 times more likely to face systemic barriers in getting to school, including unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing, and are more likely to drop out; and

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WHEREAS, Anaheim Union High School District acknowledges that good attendance matters, and improving attendance and reducing chronic absenteeism takes commitment, and collaboration. We will monitor attendance, share the data on how many students are chronically absent, and establish specific goals and actions to improve student attendance. Delivering the right interventions to our students will provide our community with prepared graduates and productive citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendance Awareness Month highlights our efforts to decrease chronic absenteeism, and build a culture of attendance and college and career readiness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees does hereby recognize September as Attendance Awareness Month. We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, on September 12, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees Hoshi, O'Neal, Smith, and Randle-Trejo

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Trustee Guerrero

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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Michael B. Matsuda, superintendent of the Anaheim Union High School District of Orange County, California, and secretary to the Board of Trustees thereof, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board of Trustees at the regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of September 2024, and passed by a roll call vote of all members of said board.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of September, 2024.



Michael B. Matsuda
Superintendent and Secretary,
Board of Trustees