

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Public Session of February 7, 2017

Agenda Item: 3.1

Subject: Resolution No. 3505: Recognition of a Safe Haven School District

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Type of Action: Information only

Attachment: [California Department of Education: News Release, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson Encourages All California Schools to Continue "Safe Haven" Efforts](#)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District is committed to the success of all students, and this resolution reaffirms focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness, individualism, equity, unity, and diversity. The Governing Board is committed to providing a protected space for students and families at all district school sites and facilities.

Resolution No. 3505: Recognition of a Safe Haven School District will be considered for action by the Board at their regular meeting on February 21, 2017.

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 3505

RECOGNITION OF A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, The San Lorenzo Unified School Board of Education is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS, The United States of America was built by diverse peoples, both native and immigrant alike;

WHEREAS, Education has played a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society;

WHEREAS, California voters during the 2016 General election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58;

WHEREAS, Forty-one different languages are spoken in San Lorenzo Unified School District;

WHEREAS, 56.1% of our 10,704 students in San Lorenzo Unified are of Latino/a descent;

WHEREAS, The national presidential election has resulted in thousands of students and families in San Lorenzo expressing fear, sadness and concerns for student safety, heightened because of intolerant rhetoric made over the course of the 2016 presidential race;

WHEREAS, Youth and families across the district have experienced increased levels of hate speech based on their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation since the election; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the San Lorenzo Unified School Board of Education directs the Superintendent to support the creation of a Safe Haven School District. This status shall include:

- Promoting tolerance and acceptance over hate speech;
- Restricting the sharing of student files that may be used to ascertain the legal status of students;
- Designating school sites, facilities, and equipment as safe havens for students, families and the community;
- Allocating adequate resources necessary to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multicultural society;

RESOLVED further, That the San Lorenzo Unified School Board will work closely with the county, state and community organizations to ensure our students and families are offered a protected space at all district school sites and facilities;

RESOLVED further, That the Board reaffirms our commitment to promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students, families and staff at all district school sites, facilities and material property;

RESOLVED further, That the Board reaffirms the authority of the Superintendent to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law; and, be it finally;

RESOLVED further, That the Board shall not allow ICE agents on school sites, facilities or material property without receiving prior written approval from the Superintendent;

RESOLVED further, That the Board reaffirms San Lorenzo Unified School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all students, serving as a Safe Haven School District for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent provided by the law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

President of the Board of Education

Vice-President/Clerk