



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 7.2

**Meeting Date:** September 5, 2019

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 3102: Recognition of National Attendance Awareness Month, September 2019

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

**Division:** Equity, Access and Excellence

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 3102: Recognition of Attendance Awareness Month, September 2019.

**Background/Rationale:** This year marks SCUSD's second year of the "Be HERE" campaign to educate our families about chronic absence and the importance of good school attendance with September as Attendance Awareness Month. When students are not at school, they are not learning what is being taught. Period. Students absent just 2 days per month, for ANY reason, are considered chronically absent. Research shows these students fall behind and have a difficult time ever catching up with their peers. Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten are often not reading proficiently in 3rd grade. Students not reading well by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. That's why we have to work together to get our kids to school every day and on time. This is a joint effort with our students, families, schools and our community leaders. Last year, SCUSD had a chronic absence rate of 16.2%. That's over 5% higher than the state's average of 11.1%. Our numbers are far bleaker for African American, Latino, Pacific Islander and Native American students and our most vulnerable children who are in foster care or homeless.

Sacramento City Unified School District is asking for your support in meeting our goal of 98% average daily attendance for all schools district-wide during the month of September. The campaign to end chronic absence continues all year long as we strive to reduce our chronic absence rate district-wide to 11% during the 19-20 school year! Attendance is IMPORTANT!

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students





