



**Yolo County Board of Education
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

Resolution #22-23/21

Resolution to Affirm the Continuation of Yolo County Office of Education Cesar Chavez Community School and Alternative Education Programs

Whereas, it is the role of the Yolo County Board of Education to provide leadership and citizen oversight for educational programs and services operated by the Yolo County Office of Education (“YCOE”)¹; and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education is authorized to establish, carry on, and finance any program or activity that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by law and does not conflict with the purposes for which the Yolo County Board of Education is established²; and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in every school or program operated by the county office of education (YCOE)³; and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education expects its members to work with each other and with the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools to ensure that a high quality education is provided to all learners in YCOE schools and programs, and that each individual county board member shall keep learning and achievement for all learners as their primary focus⁴; and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education desires to ensure the most effective use of available state funding from pupil driven grants to improve outcomes for all learners⁵; and

Whereas, the YCOE opened Cesar Chavez Community School in 2015, which achieved accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (“WASC”) in 2017; and

Whereas, the accreditation achievement of Cesar Chavez Community School is the first school operated by the Yolo County Office of Education that has obtained academic accreditation and that this designation supports the Board of Education governance goal of ensuring a high quality education for all students in YCOE schools and programs; and

¹ YCBE Board Bylaw 9900

² Education Code 35160-35160.1, YCBE Board Bylaw 9900

³ YCBE Board Bylaw 9005(a)

⁴ YCBE Board Bylaw 9005(a)

⁵ YCBE BP/SP 0460(a)

Whereas, since 2015 YCOE has welcomed learners from all five Yolo County school districts to Cesar Chavez Community School and 101 learners have achieved a diploma of high school education; and

Whereas, the school districts in Yolo County and California experienced decreases in learner enrollment and attendance during and after the COVID-19 pandemic school closures in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, and student enrollment and attendance at Cesar Chavez Community School has also declined; and

Whereas, on June 21, 2022 the Yolo County Board of Education convened a study session on the Cesar Chavez Community School academic program, learner enrollment, budget assumptions, learner referral process, and the effect of the pandemic on learner academic engagement including attendance and enrollment at the school;

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education heard public comment from teachers, parents, health partners, and administration at this study session on YCOE Alternative Education Programs, including full service community school models, and learned of the positive impact CCCS has made and continues to make with learners who thrive in a small school environment with regular and immediate access to caring adults; and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education's study session affirms that Cesar Chavez Community School has a positive impact on learners by creating conditions and interventions that support and improve a variety of learner outcomes; and

Whereas, on June 28, 2022 the Yolo County Board of Education adopted the current year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget and the LCAP provides the goals and actions for the academic program and systems of support services, provided by both YCOE and community programs at Cesar Chavez Community School and Dan Jacobs School; and

Whereas, the YCOE and its youth services and Alternative Education program will be included in the *Roadmap to the Future* data driven effort to identify youth services and gaps in Yolo County because Alternative Education is integral to the larger continuum of education and youth services in Yolo County, and also fills an educational service gap and furthers YCOE's mission to "*...ensure equity and access to high-quality education for all learners,*" and

Whereas, the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools recognize that high quality equitable Alternative Education cannot be developed, designed, or implemented with average daily attendance (ADA) funding alone; and

Whereas, in order to fulfill its primary responsibility to act in the best interests of all learners enrolled in YCOE schools, the Yolo County Board of Education also recognizes it is necessary to ensure that Alternative Education program funding and operations remain a primary goal of state public education funding, and that adequate public monies are equitably appropriated through the LCAP and LCFF process in order to fully fund YCOE's accredited Alternative Education programs;

Now, therefore let it be resolved, from this day forward that budgeted expenditures for Cesar Chavez Community School and Alternative Education programs will fund a high quality, comprehensive, robust, academic system that will achieve the graduate profile of:

- Healthy Mind and Body
- Critical Thinker and Problem Solver
- Responsible and Accountable

- Civic-Minded Community Leader
- Creative and Adaptive Leader
- College and Career Ready

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on October 11, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSENT: Moreno

ABSTAIN: None



Tico Zendejas, Vice President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools