



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

**Resolution #23-24/26
In Support of Farm Connection Day, May 3, 2024**

WHEREAS, for over a decade, Yolo County 4-H and the Yolo County Farm Bureau have sponsored an annual Farm Connection Day for Yolo County students; and

WHEREAS, Farm Connection Day exposes over 2,500 students from Yolo County and the surrounding areas to the agricultural roots of our community, through the exhibits and projects of County 4-H and FFA students; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, event organizers were not able to host the annual event and 2024 marks the return of the long-standing tradition for students, schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Farm Connection Day will be held on May 3, 2024, at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland and provides an opportunity for Yolo County students to see agriculture as a potential college or career path; and

WHEREAS, Farm Connection Day provides an inclusive opportunity for public, private, charter and home school students across Yolo County to participate in the day; and

WHEREAS, Farm Connection Day is possible because of participation of over 200 4-H youth members that act as "student hosts" and use their leadership and public speaking skills to showcase student projects and club exhibits, which range from animal projects (such as raising steers and chickens), clothing construction, jam-making, robotics and small engine restorations;

WHEREAS, student hosts participate as part of a sponsored school field trip coordinated with school partners and under the supervision of a single certificated teacher, who is assisted by adult volunteers required to meet district coverage ratios; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with local districts and schools, participation in Farm Connection Day is considered an excused absence as an educational conference for students, in alignment with California Education Code;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools express support of Farm Connection Day on May 3, 2024, and encourage participation by all students in Yolo County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools encourage public, private and charter schools to consider Farm Connection Day as an educational conference, thus permitting it to be an excused absence for attendance purposes consistent with each district or school's policies.

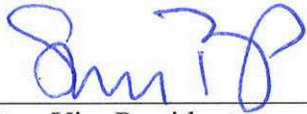
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on January 23, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas

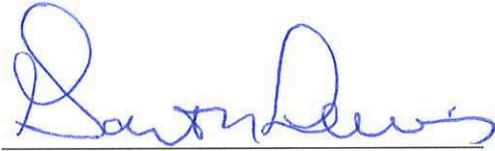
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Moreno



Shelton Yip, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools