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Res. No. 295

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Agenda Item 11.1

Meeting Date : December 8, 2016

Subject : Approve Resolution No. 2 915: Save Haven School District

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- Approval on Consent Agenda

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2915

RECOGNITION OF A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Whereas, The Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their national origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability, gender, 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, On November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes;

Whereas, California voters during the 2016 General election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51, and;

Whereas, The University of California, Los Angeles' Civil Rights Project found Sacramento to be the most racially/ethnically integrated major city in the United States and Sacramento City Unified was praised as having the most integrated large public school district in the state.

Whereas, Forty-eight different languages are spoken in Sacramento City Unified School District schools including, Spanish, Hmong, Armenian, Korean, Tagalog, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese, and Russian;

Whereas, 17,104 of 43,082 students in Sacramento City Unified are of Latino/a descent, 34,896 are students of color, and more than 64 percent of students qualify for free and reduced lunch;

Whereas, The national presidential election has resulted in thousands of students and families in Sacramento 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 already experienced increased levels of hate speech based on their national origin, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation since the election; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Sacramento City 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;

Maintaining that, in compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 2011 policy stating that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent circumstances exist; ICE shall not be allowed to enter school sites

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Resolved further, That the Board reaffirms Sacramento City Unified School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment; serving as a safe haven school district for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent of the law.