

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

Agenda Item# 8.1

Meeting Date: December 16, 2021

Subject: Resolution No. 3244: Recognition of National Special Education Day,
December 2, 2021

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RESOLUTION NO. 3244

Recognition of National Special Education Day, December 2, 2021

WHEREAS, December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the nation's first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was signed in 1975.

WHEREAS, the IDEA law makes a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and other related services be made available to the students; and

WHEREAS, IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early interventions, special education, and related services to infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019–20, the number of students ages 3–21 who received special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was 7.3 million, or 14 percent of all public school students; and

WHEREAS, in 2018–19 California Department of Education data states that special education services were provided to 795,047 individuals, newborn through twenty two years of age; and

WHEREAS, California, at no cost to parents, provides specially designed instruction to meet the needs and settings that allow infants and their families, preschoolers, students, and young adults to be educated with their peers as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, For the 2021-22 school year the Sacramento City Unified School District proudly serves over 7,000 students receiving special education services; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District's Special Education Department partners with the Sacramento County Office of Education to serve students with disabilities from birth to age 22; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District's Special Education Department programs that students with disabilities often also benefit from; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Legislative Analyst's Office, local funding has been covering an increasing share of special education expenditures, 61 percent in 2017-18 as compared

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President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

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Secretary of the Board of Education