



Board of Education

National Unhoused Youth Awareness Month

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/22

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2007 both the U.S. House and Senate passed a resolution making November the National Unhoused Youth Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, nationally, 2.3% of all school-age children will experience unhousedness; and

WHEREAS, nearly 23% of all unhoused people were children under the age of 18, and more than half of all children in Housing & Urban Development shelters are under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, 21% of unhoused children repeat a grade because of frequent absences from school; and within a single school year, 40% of unhoused students attend two different schools; and

WHEREAS, unhousedness is associated with an 87% chance of dropping out of school; and

WHEREAS, unaccompanied unhoused youths represent 7% of the total unhoused population and face serious health and safety threats, including higher risk of physical and sexual abuse and trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County, in the 2018-2019 school year, has preliminary identified over 55,000 unhoused students from preschool through grade 12, including unaccompanied youth and youth with their families who lack stable housing, that experienced unhousedness at least one day out of the year; and

WHEREAS, the State of California and Los Angeles County, in the 2020-2021 school year, has preliminary identified over 183,000 (California) and 40,000 (LA County) unhoused students from preschool through grade 12, including unaccompanied youth and youth with their families who lack stable housing, that experienced unhousedness at least one day out of the year; and

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our country depends on the value we place on our youth, and in particular, on our actions to provide these most vulnerable of the young people with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, the McKinney-Vento Unhoused Assistance Act requires every local education agency to appoint a liaison for unhoused education to ensure proper identification, immediate enrollment and linkages to other educational services for which students experiencing

unhousedness are eligible; and

WHEREAS, the number of effective programs providing services and supports to unhoused youth in Los Angeles County is only a fraction, of what is needed to fully address the needs of unhoused children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood Unified School District's Unhoused Liaison supports our district to empower unhoused students and families through educational advocacy and support, promotes awareness and greater support for unhoused students in schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District recognizes that unhouseness continues to be a serious problem for many students and families across our community; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Unhoused Youth Awareness Month is consistent with the activities of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lynwood Unified School District hereby proclaims November as National Unhoused Youth Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lynwood Unified School District will continue to support outreach efforts to community partners for resources including backpacks, school supplies, books and other needed items in an effort to address the educational needs of unhoused youth across Lynwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lynwood Unified School District continues to encourage citizens across the community to recognize that many students lack fixed, regular, and adequate housing; and continues to encourage collaboration efforts between schools, and community partners to remove barriers and enable unhoused students to successfully participate in their education.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting of this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October 2021.

Maria G. Lopez – Board President

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