



Resolution No. 2018/19-059

Date: May 22, 2019

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SANTA ROSA FRENCH AMERICAN CHARTER SCHOOL AND
CESAR CHAVEZ LANGUAGE ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools values and supports the students, educators, and families of the Santa Rosa French American Charter School (“SRFACS”) and the Cesar Chavez Language Academy (“CCLA”); and

WHEREAS, SRFACS is the only French-government certified public school in the United States west of the Mississippi River; Santa Rosa City Schools values and supports the French government certificated French-language educators required for the continued existence and success of SRFACS; and Santa Rosa City Schools recognizes the unique and highly specialized training and French government certification of the French-language educators of SRFACS; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools values and supports the bilingual educators required for the continued existence and success of CCLA; and Santa Rosa City Schools recognizes the unique and highly specialized training of the Spanish-language educators of CCLA; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools is committed to pursuing legislative and regulatory steps to provide SRFACS and CCLA teachers who are in need of dispensation from the requirements related to the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), which are enforced by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Santa Rosa City Schools is committed to pursuing such steps that would allow SRFACS and CCLA teachers so affected to continue in the current assignment while they continue to pursue compliance with the CBEST requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will pursue remedies, including seeking an additional waiver allowing the SRFACS teachers so affected to teach during the 2019-2020 school year pending continued efforts to obtain CBEST compliance; seeking a waiver of certain Education Code requirements from the State Board of Education; and pursuit of a legislative solution which recognizes and respects the unique and highly specialized French government certification of the SRFACS French language educators, and that going forward would exempt the SRFACS French language educators from the CBEST testing requirement, or otherwise provide such dispensation that would allow them to continue in their current teaching assignments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District will seek a waiver of certain Education Code requirements from the State Board of Education; and pursue a legislative solution which also recognizes and respects the role of the Santa Rosa City Schools dual immersion school, Cesar Chavez Language Academy, and that going forward would exempt the CCLA Spanish language educators from the CBEST testing requirement, or otherwise provide such dispensation that would allow them to continue in their current teaching assignments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED by Board of Education of Santa Rosa City Schools that the Board hereby adopts the above Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2019.

Stephanie Manieri, Clerk of the Board