Board Member Resolutions for Action


Whereas, The United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person residing in the country regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to a fair and representative democracy;

Whereas, The United States Census has critical implications for the state of California, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding;

Whereas, According to the California Community Foundation 2017 Census Landscape Scan, the 1990 Census was one of the most inaccurate in U.S. history, and according to the California Legislative Analyst’s Office, this likely cost California one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives and at least $2 billion in federal funds;

Whereas, The United States Census Bureau’s Low Response Score (LRS) identifies communities whose characteristics predict low census participation. The higher the LRS score, the less likely households are to respond to the survey, and Los Angeles Unified School District is home to census block groups with some of the highest LRS scores across Los Angeles County;

Whereas, According to the United States Census Bureau, every LAUSD Board District is home to populations that are most frequently undercounted, including children under 6, youth, immigrants, renters, homeless populations, those with limited-English proficiency, as well as those who live in places where enumerators are unable to gain entry including apartment buildings;

Whereas, The potential addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census Questionnaire has created an environment of fear and distrust in immigrant communities;

Whereas, In Board District 1, over half (61 percent) of the population are renters, almost a quarter (21.4 percent) of residents live in apartment buildings, and over 2,000 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, In Board District 2, the vast majority of residents are renters (80 percent) and Latino (70.9 percent), 40.6 percent live in multi-unit housing, 32.5 percent have limited English proficiency, and over 3,000 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, In Board District 3, almost half of residents (44 percent) are renters, almost a third (28.7 percent) of residents live in apartment buildings, and more than 1,500 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);
Whereas, In Board District 4, over half (54.08 percent) of residents are renters, over a third (34.27 percent) of residents live in apartment buildings, and more than 800 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, In Board District 5, over a quarter (25.85 percent) of families have children under age 6 and are Latino (68.87 percent), significant because Latino children ages 0-5 were amongst the most undercounted groups in the 2010 census, and more than 2,000 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau, California Community Foundation 2017 Census Landscape Scan, and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, In Board District 6, 42.39 percent of residents are renters, almost a quarter of families (21.5 percent) have children under the age of 6, and more than 3,500 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, In Board District 7, more than half (55.2 percent) of residents are renters, over a quarter (28.4 percent) of families have children under age 6, the neighborhood of Watts has a census block group with the highest Low Response Score (44.2) in the City of Los Angeles, and more than 3,500 students experience homelessness (United States Census Bureau and the District’s Student Health and Human Services);

Whereas, A fair and accurate count on the 2020 Census will help ensure that the District’s communities, families, and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports across education, crime prevention, health care, and transportation; and

Whereas, the State of California has set aside over $90 million in the 2018-2019 budget for statewide outreach and other activities related to the Census count, some of which funding may be available to local jurisdictions and community based organizations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Unified School District will develop and adopt a plan of action around ensuring a complete count students and their families residing within the District on the 2020 Census. This plan shall integrate the 2020 Census into the "We Are One L.A. Unified: Standing with Immigrant Families" campaign as well as other initiatives that directly connect with hard to count families, and shall include:

1) The creation of a formal partnership with philanthropic partners, community based organizations, the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and the U.S. Census Bureau;

2) The incorporation of census outreach and education programming into existing programs and services for parents and students in multiple languages spoken by District students and their families; and

3) The active participation of the District in the Countywide Outreach Complete Count Committee to avoid duplication of efforts, identify gaps, and coordinate outreach;

Resolved further, That the We Are One L.A. Unified: Standing with Immigrant Families campaign will seek and apply for available philanthropic and government funding to support its collaborative efforts to educate the District’s constituents about completing the census; and, be it
Resolved, That the District will explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count of our families in 2020.

Resolutions Requested by the Superintendent

18.  Reappointment of Member to the Personnel Commission (Sup Res 001-18/19) WITHDRAWN

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District reappoints Joseph L. Paller, Jr. as a member of the Personnel Commission of the Los Angeles Unified School District for a three year term pursuant to California Education Code Section 45245.

Miscellaneous Business

Correspondence and Petitions APPROVED BY CONSENT VOTE

19.  Report of Correspondence (ROC-003-18/19)

Minutes for Board Approval (Min-004-18/19) APPROVED BY CONSENT VOTE

20.  November 7, 2017, Special Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
    November 14, 2017, Regular Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
    February 20, 2018, Special Closed Session, 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearings

21.  Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Easements at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School (013 – 18/19) ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE

Announcements

22.  Motion to schedule a Regular Board Meeting regarding Local Control Accountability Plan and budget on June 11, 2019 at 4 p.m. (014-18/19) ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE

23.  Board Rule Changes (015-18/19)
    Reference is made to Board Rule 181 and notice is given that at the November Regular Board meeting, the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District may take action to amend, repeal, or add Board Rules which are related to the operation of Board meetings or are statements of policy for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Public Comment – Speakers to items not on the Order of Business for action will be heard no earlier than 4 p.m.

Adjournment