



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.1

Meeting Date: July 16, 2020

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3157: Resolution to Reimagine School Safety and Work to Dismantle Structural Racism in Sacramento City Unified Schools

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3157: Resolution to Reimagine School Safety and Work to Dismantle Structural Racism in Sacramento City Unified Schools.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) plays an integral role in shaping the lives of our youth, and thus our future community. As such, SCUSD has an obligation to promote the healthy development of each one of its students, which includes

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RESOLUTION NO. 3157

**RESOLUTION TO REIMAGINE SCHOOL SAFETY AND WORK TO DISMANTLE
STRUCTURAL RACISM IN SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in order to achieve our Equity & Access Guiding Principle, it is imperative that we understand and upend systemic racism in our system;

WHEREAS, any efforts to actualize equity, access, and social justice must be rooted in the belief in justice for all, and that the fight for fairness, justice and dignity must encompass everyone regardless of race, religion, gender, language, national origin, sexual orientation or ability;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District, plays an integral role in shaping the lives of our youth, and thus our future community;

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) has an obligation to promote the healthy development of each one of its students, which includes safeguarding them from the impact of systemic racism and violence to the greatest extent possible while they are at school;

WHEREAS, the perpetuation of the school-to-prison pipeline is incompatible with our goal of creating safe, healthy, and equitable schools for all SCUSD students;

WHEREAS, *The Capitol of Suspensions: Examining the Racial Exclusion of Black Males in Sacramento County*, revealed the SCUSD has suspended more black boys than any other district in the state;

WHEREAS, more young people are disciplined or referred to law enforcement in their schools each year with suspensions and expulsions, harsh discipline, and even arrests, in lieu of counseling, restorative practices, and improvements to classrooms and school structures, leading to a ~~aej qqnto-r tkup'r k gkpgø=~~

WHEREAS, without data transparency and accountability, it is impossible for the Sacramento City Unified School Board and Administration to monitor school safety policy and practice;

WHEREAS, the District has a long record of disproportionately suspending, expelling, involuntarily transferring and arresting Black, Brown, and Special Education students, thereby involving them in the criminal justice system while students lose important time from the classroom;

WHEREAS, harsh student discipline continues to be utilized for minor offenses where alternatives exist, inflicting trauma;

WHEREAS, SCUSD took decisive action to remove all School Resource Officers from school sites last year and support legislation to ban harmful willful defiance suspensions;

WHEREAS, the budget adopted on June 25, 2020, ceased funding of the previous contract with the Sacramento Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified Board of Education demands the following actions to address the root causes of systemic racism, no later than December 2020:

1. Convene an ad-hoc community-majority Task Force to