Fresno County Superintendent of Schools



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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Recognizing Kwanzaa week as 12/26/24 - 1/1/25.

James Martinez, President

Resolution No. 2024 - 44 (FCBE) Resolution No. 2024 - 73 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that celebrates the cultural diversity of students, staff, and families; and

WHEREAS, Kwanzaa, celebrated from December 26th to January 1st, promotes the values of unity, self-determination, collective work, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith, which align with FCSS's mission to empower students and communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating Kwanzaa at Fresno County schools will help educate students about African American traditions and foster respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS, providing spaces for cultural expression supports students' sense of belonging, identity, and academic success;

WHEREAS, the Office of Fresno County Superintendent of Schools will celebrate Kwanzaa with educational resources and activities centered on its seven principles, promoting unity and student leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FCSS will create designated spaces at schools and district sites for students and staff to celebrate and explore their cultural identities, enhancing awareness and respect for diversity throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools do hereby recognize Kwanzaa week December 26, 2024 to January 1, 2025, and encourage all Fresno County School Districts to participate with appropriate activities and curriculum on this day and throughout the year.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of November 21, 2024, by the following votes:

President James Martinez: Yes	✓ No	Abstain	Absent	
Vice President Allen Clyde: Yes	✓ No	Abstain	Absent	
Member Bryan Burton: Yes	✓ No	Abstain	Absent	
Member Marcy Masumeto: Yes	✓ No	Abstain	Absent	
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson: Yes	✓ No	Abstain	Absent	
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This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent
CERTIFICATION
I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.
By: