



Resolution No. 2025/26-56
Date: February 11, 2026

Resolution of the Santa Rosa City Schools District Recommendation of a Three-District Model for District Consolidation

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa City Schools District (“District”) is committed to providing high-quality, equitable, and fiscally sustainable public education for all students it serves; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that governance structures and district organization play a critical role in ensuring educational effectiveness, local accountability, operational efficiency, and long-term financial stability; and

WHEREAS, discussions regarding potential school district consolidation within the region have been initiated to address challenges including, but not limited to, declining enrollment, fiscal pressures, facilities utilization, and the equitable delivery of educational services; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered various consolidation frameworks and governance models, including models that balance administrative efficiency with meaningful local representation and community responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, a three-district model for consolidation has been identified as a potential option that may preserve local identity and community engagement while achieving improved coordination, resource alignment, and administrative effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, such a model may offer advantages, including a potential for positive financial gain of \$7.1 million annually for Santa Rosa’s local education agencies, clearer governance structures, manageable district size, continuity of educational programs, and the ability to respond to the distinct needs of diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges that any consolidation proposal must be carefully studied, transparently developed, and inclusive of input from students, families, educators, labor partners, and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, final decisions regarding district reorganization rest with the appropriate statutory authorities and require further analysis, public engagement, and formal review processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District:

1. **Recommends the consideration of a three-district model** as a viable option in any ongoing or future discussions related to school district consolidation affecting the Santa Rosa region; and
2. **Encourages further study and analysis** of the three-district model, including its potential educational, fiscal, governance, and community impacts; and
3. **Supports a transparent and inclusive process** that actively engages stakeholders, including students, families, staff, labor organizations, and community members, prior to any final determination regarding district consolidation; and
4. **Directs the Superintendent or designee** to communicate this recommendation to the appropriate county, regional, or state entities involved in evaluating district reorganization proposals; and
5. **Affirms the District's commitment** to prioritizing student success, educational equity, fiscal responsibility, and local accountability throughout any consolidation planning process.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board

Date

