



**A Resolution of the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education
to Designate March 31st as Farmworkers Day**

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education recognizes the importance of honoring the contributions of individuals and communities who have advanced justice, equity, and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers have played and continue to play a vital role in sustaining the agricultural economy and ensuring access to food, often while working under challenging and often unjust conditions; and

WHEREAS, March 31st is recognized by the State of California as César Chávez Day pursuant to California Government Code Section 6700, and California Education Code Section 37220 authorizes school districts to conduct commemorative exercises related to significant historical figures and movements; and

WHEREAS, recent information and public reporting regarding allegations of sexual misconduct connected to César Chávez have prompted reflection about how the District recognizes historical figures and the importance of ensuring that District recognitions reflect the values of student safety, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is appropriate to center recognition on the collective contributions and sacrifices of farmworkers rather than on any single individual; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education remains committed to teaching the full and complex history of the farmworker labor movement, including the contributions of many organizers and leaders such as Dolores Huerta and the thousands of workers who advanced labor rights; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools is committed to fostering culturally responsive education, historical awareness, critical thinking, and civic understanding for all students; and

WHEREAS, this designation encourages students, staff, and families to learn about the history of agricultural labor, the importance of workers' rights, and the value of collective action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education hereby designates March 31st as Farmworkers Day within the District calendar in recognition of the collective contributions of farmworkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District encourages schools to incorporate age-appropriate instructional activities that highlight the history, contributions, and experiences of farmworkers and the farmworker labor movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this designation shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that District staff shall communicate this change to students, staff, families, and community stakeholders, and implement this change in District policies and procedures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education on this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board

