

**New Haven Unified School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Resolution No. 001-2627
National Latinx Heritage Month
September 15 - October 15, 2026

WHEREAS, the New Haven Unified School District is honored to join the nation in recognizing the annual observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which the District celebrates as Latinx Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15; and

WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month is a time to recognize the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of people whose heritage traces to Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the diversity of identities within this community and acknowledges that individuals may identify with terms such as Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Latine, Chicano, Chicana, Chicanx, or other identities that reflect their personal heritage and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, the observance begins during a period when many nations in Latin America and the Caribbean celebrate their independence, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, and Belize; and

WHEREAS, despite histories of exclusion, discrimination, language suppression, segregation, and unequal educational opportunities, Latinx communities have demonstrated extraordinary resilience and have made enduring contributions to the civic, cultural, scientific, educational, economic, and political life of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the pursuit of educational equity has been advanced through landmark efforts such as Mendez v. Westminster (1947), which helped end school segregation in California and influenced the later decision in Brown v. Board of Education, demonstrating the longstanding leadership of Latino families in advancing educational justice; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the District honors the many contributions of Latinx Americans whose leadership, service, innovation, advocacy, and cultural achievements have strengthened our communities and enriched our nation; and

WHEREAS, Latinx individuals are an integral part of our community, representing approximately 40% of California's population, 20.3% of Union City's population, and 36% of the New Haven Unified School District's student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the New Haven Unified School District remains committed to creating learning environments where Latinx students are affirmed in their identities, experience a strong sense of dignity and belonging, have equitable access to rigorous learning opportunities, and see themselves reflected in curriculum, leadership, and school culture; and

WHEREAS, students of Latinx heritage enrich our schools through their diverse histories, cultures, languages, and traditions, and their contributions continue to strengthen our community and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, culturally responsive and historically accurate instruction that reflects the experiences, voices, and contributions of diverse communities strengthens academic engagement, promotes critical thinking, and prepares all students to participate in a multicultural democracy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Haven Unified School District Board of Education hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2026, as Latinx Heritage Month and encourages schools throughout the District to commemorate the observance with appropriate instructional activities and educational opportunities to celebrate the histories, cultures, languages, achievements, and enduring contributions of Latinx communities while promoting learning, dignity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understanding among all students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 11th day of August 2026:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dr. John Thompson, Superintendent
New Haven Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California