



A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 14–25, 2026, AS HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS

WHEREAS, civic engagement and participation in our democratic institutions are essential components of a strong and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, California’s public schools have an important role in preparing students to become informed, engaged, and responsible participants in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, high school students are developing the knowledge, skills, and habits necessary to participate meaningfully in civic life, including understanding the importance of voting and informed participation in elections; and

WHEREAS, voter education provides students with opportunities to learn about the electoral process, voter registration requirements, civic responsibilities, the importance of researching candidates and ballot measures, and the ways individuals can participate in government; and

WHEREAS, California law provides opportunities for eligible high school students to register to vote and encourages civic learning and voter participation among young people; and

WHEREAS, High School Voter Education Weeks, September 14–25, 2026, provide an opportunity for schools, educators, students, families, and community partners to promote nonpartisan voter education and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, voter education activities conducted in public schools should be educational, inclusive, nonpartisan, and consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, district policies, and the California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa City Schools is committed to providing students with meaningful opportunities to develop civic knowledge and participate in activities that strengthen their understanding of representative government and democratic processes; and

WHEREAS, encouraging eligible students to participate in the electoral process helps foster a culture of civic responsibility and prepares students to become informed and engaged members of their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Education of the [School District Name] hereby recognizes **September 14–25, 2026, as High School Voter Education Weeks** throughout the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board encourages District high schools to provide age-appropriate, nonpartisan voter education and civic learning opportunities during High School Voter Education Weeks, including information regarding voter registration, voting eligibility, the electoral process, and civic participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board encourages school staff and administrators to support student understanding of civic rights and responsibilities while maintaining a welcoming and inclusive learning environment for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board encourages collaboration with appropriate community organizations and civic partners, when consistent with District policies and applicable law, to provide students with accurate, nonpartisan information about voter education and civic engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to endorse or oppose any candidate, political party, political position, ballot measure, or other partisan political activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board recognizes and appreciates the efforts of students, educators, administrators, families, and community partners who contribute to preparing young people for informed and meaningful participation in our democratic society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools on this 26th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board

Date