

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 83-2021
IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH - JUNE 2021

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District models, advocates, and promotes the inclusive and respectful treatment of all the members of this community and is committed to school safety for all members, including immigrant students and their families; and

WHEREAS, since June of 2014, Immigrant Heritage Month has given people across the United States an opportunity to annually explore their heritage and celebrate the shared diversity that forms the unique story of America; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy 5145.13 expands on the District's commitment to the success of all students and its belief that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 calls for the right to privacy regarding students' personal information, including their immigration status, and in 1982 the Supreme Court decision in Plyler vs. Doe set the precedent that no public school district may deny students educational access or opportunity based on their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) of 2012 helped to expand higher education and employment opportunities for undocumented immigrant students; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has played an active role in opening up academic pathways for undocumented immigrant students through the California Dream Act and AB 540, and the State of California's 11 million immigrants make vital contributions to the economy, to education, and to the communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, shaped and supported by immigrant innovation and labor, including that of activists and leaders and immigrants contribute to the cultural, linguistic, and diverse heritage of our communities; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month, we support policies, practices, and curriculum that honor, celebrate, and welcome immigrant students, staff, and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education declares the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent and all District staff to support lessons and activities that engage students in meaningful learning, research, and writing about our immigrant students and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the West Contra Costa Unified School District on this ninth day of June 2021.

President of the Board of Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District

Clerk of the Board of Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District