

RESOLUTION NO. 26/27-3762

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation Declaring September 2026

as Attendance Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Santa Ana Unified School District is proactively committed to ensuring every student has the foundational opportunity to succeed, and recognizes that regular attendance is essential for student learning, achievement, and long-term success; and

WHEREAS, regular school attendance provides students with consistent access to instruction, academic support, school services, and relationships with educators and peers; and

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10 percent or more of enrolled school days for any reason and can limit students' access to instruction and contribute to lower academic achievement and reduced likelihood of on-time graduation; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that attendance patterns begin in the earliest grades and that early identification of attendance concerns allows schools and families to respond before absences accumulate; and

WHEREAS, students and families may experience barriers to attendance, including health needs, transportation challenges, housing instability, safety concerns, and other circumstances that require coordinated school and community support; and

WHEREAS, the District uses attendance data, family outreach, school-based interventions, and a multi-tiered system of support to identify attendance concerns, address barriers, and connect students and families with appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, schools support regular attendance by creating safe and welcoming

learning environments, communicating attendance expectations, monitoring absences, contacting families when concerns emerge, and providing timely interventions; and

WHEREAS, reducing chronic absenteeism requires coordination among students, families, school staff, District departments, and community partners so that barriers are identified and addressed and students have consistent access to learning; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes September as Attendance Awareness Month as an opportunity to increase understanding of the relationship between regular attendance, access to instruction, and student success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Education designates September 2026 as "Attendance Awareness Month" and directs attention to practices that improve student attendance, including monitoring attendance data, communicating with families, identifying barriers early, providing tiered interventions and supports, and coordinating with community partners when additional resources are needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board encourages every school community to reinforce the importance of daily attendance and to use available District procedures and supports to respond promptly when students show patterns of absence, with the goal of increasing students' access to instruction and reducing chronic absenteeism.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Ana Unified School District Governing Board on August 25, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

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62 I, Alfonso Alvarez, Ed.D., Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana
63 Unified School District of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the above
64 and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting
65 thereof held on 25th day of August 2026 and passed by a vote of _____ of said
66 Board.

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By: _____
Alfonso Alvarez, Ed.D.
Clerk of the Board of Education
Santa Ana Unified School District