

**CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #V-09-12-2022**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CENTRAL UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
AND HIGHLIGHTING ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Central Union Board of Trustees recognizes that good attendance is essential to student achievement and school success, and is committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates; and

WHEREAS, schools and school districts have experienced significant drops in enrollment and attendance due to the prior two years of COVID-19 related absences and COVID-19 surges; and

WHEREAS, student absenteeism and lost instructional opportunities have profoundly impacted the nation's children, and disproportionately those who are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, research shows the clear benefits of regular school attendance, and the high costs related to absenteeism, including students not being able to read by third grade and dropping out of high school.

WHEREAS, the Central Union School Board affirms the use chronic absence data along with other indicators to identify where the instructional losses are occurring, and invest resources and expanded learning options to support engagement and recovery with student learning due to absences; and

WHEREAS, absenteeism also undermines efforts to improve schools, as it is challenging to measure improvement when students are not in class to benefit from the classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, improving attendance, student health, and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community; and

WHEREAS, schools and districts can focus on tracking attendance, and can calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that the attendance gaps can be analyzed and schools can deliver the right interventions to the students in need; and





WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and support appropriate health hygiene to address hurdles that keep children from getting to school: now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as the Board of Education of the Central Union School District, we proclaim our school district will stand with the nation in recognizing September as "Attendance Awareness Month."; and

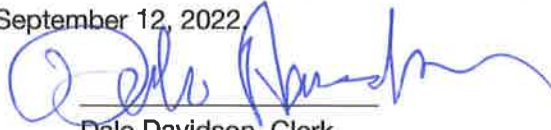
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Central Union School District is committed to monitoring and tracking regular school attendance, and will utilize appropriate avenues, fiscal resources, and interventions to support this endeavor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Central Union School District is committed to focus on the reduction of chronic absenteeism, has developed and established goals for this reduction, and strives to provide all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

The foregoing Resolution, #V-09-12-2022, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union Elementary School District on this 12th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
 Dale Davidson, Area 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Jeffrey Gilcrease, Area 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Steven Salefske, Area 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I, **Dale Davidson**, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Central Union School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on September 12, 2022.



Dale Davidson, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Central Union School District
Kings County, California