

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2021/22 - 78

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT ACCURATE
TEACHING AND LEARNING OF CALIFORNIA INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

WHEREAS, the Riverside Unified School District serves American Indian students and supports the direction of AB1703 to encourage collaboration between the District and local California Indian families and tribes, reform curricular materials, and identify achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Riverside Unified School District to ensure equity and outstanding achievement among all students by adhering to District values of Community, Engagement, Equity, Excellence, Innovation and Well-being; and

WHEREAS, current educational materials are incomplete to teach the history and culture of California Indians; and

WHEREAS, a more complete and accurate telling of the history of California American Indians would foster greater understanding of the forces and factors that shaped California history and a deeper understanding of the American Indian population; and

WHEREAS, local California American Indians would provide an invaluable source of information about the history and culture of their tribes that would benefit all students and add a long-silent voice in the telling of our region's past; and

WHEREAS, in ensuring the equitable and positive future we all seek for our region, the voice of local California tribes is essential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Riverside Unified School District are dedicated to pursuing an equitable educational system for all students by tackling the following components:

- Eliminate disparities and inequitable practices
- Implement inclusive practices and policies
- Honor individuality with a focus on high outcomes for all
- Guarantee respectful treatment where all individuals feel valued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Riverside Unified School District support collaboration with local California American Indian tribes and the

assessment of all student groups' achievement, including American Indians, in the Riverside Unified School District with the intent to improve the teaching and learning of California American Indians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Riverside Unified School District will promote a shared understanding, across the District, of proper and improper instruction and materials when including depictions of Native Americans or their culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Riverside Unified School District, in collaboration with local California Indian tribes, will develop and adopt accurate, high-quality curricular materials, that include tribal experiences, contributions, culture, and perspectives, to be used in teaching the history of Riverside and California.

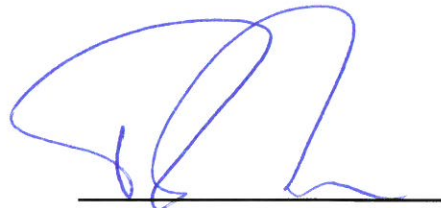
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education this 24th day of February 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Mr. Brent Lee, President
Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Education of the Riverside Unified School District, duly adopted at its meeting held on February 24, 2022.



Mr. Dale Kinnear, Clerk
Board of Education