Item VIII. Recommendations

D. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 18: 2016-17, to Promote Safe and Healthy Learning Environments for All Students within Los Angeles County

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 18 as part of the regular County Board meeting on January 10, 2017.

Resolution No. 18 is shown on the following page.
RESOLUTION NO. 18
2016-17

Promote Safe and Healthy Learning Environments for All Students within
Los Angeles County

WHEREAS the Vision of the Los Angeles County Office of Education is A Culture of Excellence in ALL we do and our Mission is Improving the lives of students and our educational community through service, leadership and advocacy; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Office of Education serves as the largest regional educational agency in the nation and is committed to providing quality education to all students without regard to ability, ethnicity, gender, nationality or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress established in the Mutual Educational and Culture Exchange Act the importance of increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange, providing foreign nationals with opportunities to participate in educational and cultural programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Office of Education adopted Resolution number 9: 2015-2016 In Support of Civic Learning. “Schools are a critical place for students to develop civic knowledge, skills and values needed to effectively contribute to and participate in our democracy, and the education system has a major role in ensuring students have equitable access to learning how to participate in our democracy”; and

WHEREAS the students of Los Angeles County speak 99 languages other than English in our districts, with primary languages being Spanish, Cantonese and Armenian; and

WHEREAS along with local government, universities, community colleges and county offices of education we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students regardless of immigration status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that through these many efforts the Los Angeles County Board of Education will promote a safe learning environment for all students within Los Angeles County.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2017, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

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