

September 16, 2025

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Board Meeting – September 16, 2025

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

K. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 19 to Recognize October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 19 as part of the regular County Board meeting on September 16, 2025; and further recommends that the County Board recognize October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month and encourage communities to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that recognize the value of the Head Start program in serving as a springboard to launch each child and family toward their fullest potential.

Board Resolution No. 19 is attached.

Next Steps:

- Share stories of Head Start parents, children, alumni and staff with the community.
- Educate policy makers on the value of high-quality, comprehensive early childhood education to children, families and communities.
- Represent and highlight Head Start in community events and activities and through strategic partnerships.
- Continue to partner with colleges, school districts and nonprofit organizations to create opportunities for interested individuals to pursue careers in early childhood education.

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 19: 2025-26

To Recognize October as Head Start Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Head Start is celebrating 60 years of preparing children and families for success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, LACOE is the largest Head Start grant recipient in California, serving more than 7,000 children and families as part of a community of Head Start providers that serve more than 21,000 across L.A. County; and

WHEREAS, Head Start programs provide eligible families a valuable choice in California's mixed-delivery early education system; and

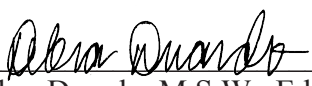
WHEREAS, Head Start empowers parents and caregivers as their children's first and best teachers through intentional collaboration and meaningful participation in program planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Head Start educators make a lifelong difference for children and families by building a solid foundation that includes quality education, social-emotional development and healthy practices; and


WHEREAS, Head Start provides safe environments for children that allow parents and caregivers to work, while also creating new career opportunities through apprenticeships and other workforce development pathways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby proclaims October 2025 as Head Start Awareness Month to highlight the lasting value of high-quality early childhood education to children, families and communities.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2025, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent



James Cross
Board President