



BOARD OF EDUCATION
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pasadena, California

RESOLUTION No. 2540

**ENSURING A COMPLETE COUNT OF
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS,
FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES IN THE 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of every person residing in the country every ten years and the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020, and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census determines the distribution of 900 billion dollars in federal funds and allocation of seats in the House of Representatives, and California was undercounted in the previous census, costing the state at least \$2 billion in federal funds over ten years and a seat in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, a thorough and accurate count of students, families, and communities in the 2020 Census is fundamental to ensuring ensuring that Pasadena Unified School District (the “District”) receives a fair and adequate share of federal funding to serve the needs of children through essential programs like the National School Lunch Program, Title I, II and IV, and full representation in our nation’s democracy; and

WHEREAS, the stakes for the 2020 Census are high, especially in communities like ours whose characteristics predict low Census participation; and

WHEREAS, the District is partnering with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the City of Pasadena’s Complete Count Committee, and other community partners to promote participation; and

WHEREAS, the District will do its part to ensure a complete count of the most underrepresented and hard-to-count groups, including immigrants, renters, children, teens, people of color, the

homeless, and those with limited English proficiency, regardless of background or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, the District will explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count of District families in 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby reaffirms its commitment to encouraging all residents to participate in the national population count to ensure a complete count of District students and their families in 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Pasadena Unified School District does hereby recognize March 23 - April 9, 2020, as “Census Awareness Week” and encourages everyone to participate.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2019, by the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education in Los Angeles County, California.

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