

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 09-20

Encouraging Local Schools to Participate in the 2010 Decennial Census in Schools Week

WHEREAS, the decennial census takes place every ten years to count the residents of each state to help identify where to allocate funding to states, and to ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of the state legislatures, county and city governments, and other voting districts; and

WHEREAS, as an accurate count is critical to the well-being of every community in determining where to locate schools and child care centers, and provide important federal and state funds for schools and districts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau encourages all local superintendents, board members principals, teachers and parent organizations to relay the importance of the census to parents and community members to ensure everyone is counted in order to maximize political representation and funding appropriations within our county; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento is one of the top 10 hardest-to-count counties in California, and receives more than \$56 million in Title I, Part A funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Office of Education would like to engage all schools, especially schools in districts that receive \$3 million or more in Title I, Part A funds and serve 90 percent socio-economically disadvantaged students, to coordinate with county liaisons on best practices to implement outreach strategies schools can incorporate to ensure each school has the most complete and accurate count of its surrounding residents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento County Office of Education invites elementary and middle schools in the county, especially schools in the hardest-to-count districts as described above, to dedicate a week during January 2010 through March 2010 for "Census in Schools Week," which will help reinforce the importance of their participation in the census; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Office of Education supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will lend its assistance to the education community in being responsive to federal and state census liaisons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Office of Education recognizes the long-term effects of an accurate and complete count for garnering much needed resources for our state, and stands with all local education agencies in the county to be counted on the official day April 1, 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education this 3rd day of November 2009.