LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

April 16, 2024

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – April 16, 2024

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

A. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 47 to Recognize May 8, 2024 as El Día del Maestro, or Day of the Teacher, in Los Angeles County

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 47 as part of the regular County Board meeting on April 16, 2024; and further recommends that the Board join the Governor and state Legislature in declaring Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Day of the Teacher in Los Angeles County.

Resolution No. 47 is attached.

Next Steps:

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.
- LACOE will engage in a social media campaign to recognize and honor teachers.
- Encourage LACOE site administrators to facilitate activities and/or acknowledgements to honor teachers assigned to their sites.
- LACOE wide message from the Superintendent.

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 47: 2023-24

El Día del Maestro or Day of the Teacher May 8, 2024

- WHEREAS, public education teachers are the foundation of a free society whose profession supports our democratic system; and
- WHEREAS, Los Angeles County is fortunate to have a team of skilled and dedicated teachers, who make it possible for students to continue to learn and thrive; and
- WHEREAS, teachers have been responsible for educating 2 million preschool and school-age children in LA County and have led efforts to promote and advance educational opportunity for all; and
- WHEREAS, teachers have promoted the value of public education and advocated for the resources necessary to maintain high-quality schools; and
- WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Office of Education teachers in County Community Schools, Juvenile Court Schools, the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and the International Polytechnic High School are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of our students; and
- WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Office of Education teachers are exemplary members of the teaching profession; they work to instill in our students an appreciation of our society's cultural diversity, a love of learning and the skills to pursue productive lives; and
- WHEREAS, the National Education Association and the California Department of Education recognize May 6-10, 2024, as Teacher Appreciation Week; and
- WHEREAS, the National Education Association and the California Department of Education recognize May 7, 2024, as National Teacher Appreciation Day; and
- WHEREAS, California's annual Day of the Teacher, or *El Dia del Maestro*, established by the Association of Mexican American Educators, will be observed by the California Teachers Association and in schools on May 8, 2024:
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Los Angeles County Board of Education joins the Governor and state Legislature in declaring Wednesday, May 8, 2024, as Day of the Teacher in Los Angeles County.
- ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2024 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

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

Board President