

August 20, 2024

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – August 20, 2024

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 3 in Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 3, and proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2024 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage activities to celebrate this occasion in our education communities. September 15 through October 15 has been designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month in order to celebrate Hispanic and Latinx culture, heritage and contributions to American society (36 United States Code 126).

Board Resolution No. 3 follows on the next page.

Next Steps:

- LACOE will offer the following professional development opportunities:
 - Teaching Reading in Spanish a la Spanish, September 24 – 26, 8:00am – 3:00pm, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Grades 4 and 5, September 26 8:00am – 3:00pm, at the Santa Barbara County Education Office
 - Implementacion de Common Core en Espanol - Grades 6, 7 and 8, October 10, 8:00am – 3:00pm, at the Ventura County Office of Education
 - Implementacion de Common Core en Espanol - Session #2 Acentos - Grades 4-8 (Virtual), October 17, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
 - Implementacion de Common Core en Espanol - Session #3 Ortografia - Grades 4-8 (Virtual), October 24, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Grades TK-2, November 12, 8:00am – 3:00pm at Los Angeles County Office of Education
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Grades 3-5, November 13, 8:00am – 3:00pm at Los Angeles County Office of Education
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Grades 6-8, November 14, 8:00am – 3:00pm at Los Angeles County Office of Education
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Session #2 Acentos - All Grades (Virtual), November 19, 4:00pm – 6:00m
 - Implementación de Common Core en Español - Session #3 Orthography- All Grades (Virtual) November 21, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
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• Books Highlighted:

Elementary

- **Lola Levine is Not Mean!:** by Monica Brown
- **Stella Diaz Has Something to Say:** by Angela Dominguez

- **My Papi Has a Motorcycle:** by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Pena
- **Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré:** by Anika Aldamuy and Paola Escobar
- **Dreamers:** by Yuyi Morales
- **Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation:** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Young Adult (Middle and High School)

- **I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter:** by Erika L. Sanchez
- **Furia:** by Yamile Saied Méndez
- **Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood:** by Danny Trejo, Donal Logue
- **Undocumented: A Worker’s Fight:** by Duncan Tonatiuh
- **Once I Was You: A Memoir of Love and Hate in a Torn America:** by Maria Hinojosa
- **Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity:** by Paola Ramos

• Websites with Lesson Plans and Activities Hispanic Heritage Month Resources:

- [Facing History & Ourselves](#)
- [Teaching Books.net](#)
- [National Museum of the American Latino](#)
- <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>
- <https://lovehasnolabels.com/act/race/hispanic-community>
- <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/hispanic-heritage-month-2024>
- <https://www.hispanicstar.org/toolkit>
- <https://www.visitlongbeach.com/blog/hispanic-heritage-month-in-long-beach/>
- <https://molaa.org/>
- <https://lapl.org/libros-fest>
- <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/for-teachers.html>

• Events Highlighted:

- [Inglewood Hispanic Heritage Festival](#)
- [Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month - Montclair Place SALVA Hispanic Heritage Festival](#)

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 3: 2024-25

National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS The Los Angeles County Office of Education takes pride in recognizing and celebrating September 15 to October 15, 2024 as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which highlights the historical and present contributions of Hispanic Americans to American society and culture; and

WHEREAS Hispanic Americans trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS the observance was born in 1968 when Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week. Two decades later, lawmakers expanded the observance to a month long celebration, stretching from September 15 to October 15; and

WHEREAS the observance coincides with national independence days in several Latin American countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate theirs on Sept. 15, followed by Mexico on Sept. 16, Chile on Sept. 18 and Belize on Sept. 21; and

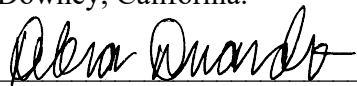
WHEREAS LACOE celebrates the vibrant Hispanic-American spirit that influences our nation's art and culture, as well as the significant contributions and advances that Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make in our community, state, nation and the world; and we see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society, including civil rights icons Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta; and

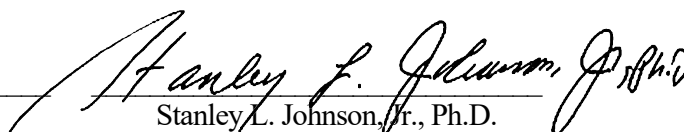
WHEREAS Hispanic/Latinx students represent the largest racial/ethnic group among the state's student population and in Los Angeles County make up 65% of the TK-12 public school enrollment; and

WHEREAS in continued efforts to honor National Hispanic Heritage Month and to promote equity and diversity, LACOE remains dedicated to providing resources and support for Spanish-speaking communities through our Multilingual Academic Support unit and Migrant Education program; LACOE also continues to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students and their families through Immigrant Relations; LACOE supports the inclusion of Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies in Ethnic Studies and American history courses; our Census Outreach efforts helped ensure that our Spanish-speaking communities were counted in the 2020 Census; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Los Angeles County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2024 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage activities to celebrate this occasion in our education communities.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2024 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.


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


Stanley L. Johnson, Jr., Ph.D.
Board President