

February 18, 2025

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – February 18, 2025

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

A. Adoption of Board Resolution 37: to Recognize Read Across America Day, March 2, 2025

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 37 as part of the regular County Board meeting on February 18, 2025; and further recommends that the Board recognize March 2, 2025 as Read Across America Day.

Board Resolution No. 37 is shown on the following page.

Next Steps:

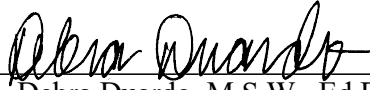
- The LACOE Reading/Language Arts Unit will provide free resources for districts to help celebrate with students including:
 - The Readers Bill of Rights
 - The Reading Pledge
 - 15 Big Ideas for Celebrating
 - K-12 Recommended Books List
 - Equity Audits: Self-Assessing Your Classroom Library
 - Live and Recorded Read-Alouds.
 - Articles on why diverse books matter
 - Online learning quick modules:
 - Building Positive Self-Image in Young Children through Diverse Books (TK-2)
 - Using Picture Books to Explore Activism, Black History and Self- confidence (K-5)
 - Using Picture Books for Conversations with Teens on Race and Protest (6-12)
 - Social media blasts on activities and classrooms that are celebrating.

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 37: 2024-25
Read Across America Day (March 2, 2025)

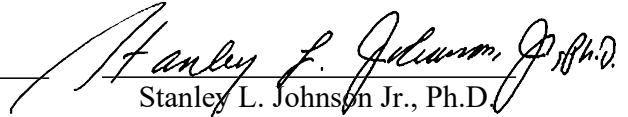
- WHEREAS,** Read Across America Day is marked by the National Education Association (NEA) to be celebrated on March 2, 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** Read Across America Day began in 1998 by the NEA as a day to celebrate reading; and
- WHEREAS,** the day is commonly commemorated by families, schools and libraries to promote the importance of reading; and
- WHEREAS,** the day is characterized by celebrating with various events and activities, including read- alouds and author visits; and
- WHEREAS,** Read Across America Day promotes the idea that there is room in our community for *all readers*; and
- WHEREAS,** reading allows students to see a world or character portrayed in books that might be similar to or different from them; and
- WHEREAS,** reading is a social justice issue and students must receive equitable access to literacy as a right and duty; and
- WHEREAS** reading serves to solidify learning experiences, build background knowledge and even soothe the reader in times of crisis; and
- WHEREAS** LACOE’s Reading/Language Arts Unit’s mission is to advance literacy in all areas, for all students; and
- WHEREAS** LACOE’s Reading/Language Arts Unit’s provides technical support and professional development to staff who serve students attaining literacy proficiency; and
- WHEREAS** LACOE advocates the importance of literacy through partnerships with parents, community members and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS** LACOE promotes inclusion and believes that *all children and youth* can learn to read; and
- WHEREAS** LACOE strives to meet the emerging needs of the community and to provide leadership and support for children, schools and the greater community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby proclaims March 2, 2025 as Read Across America Day and calls on districts, schools and community organizations in Los Angeles County to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities and to help spread the important message that reading is crucial to success in life.

ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2025 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