

March 4, 2025

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Board Meeting – March 4, 2025

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 46 to Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of Quality Start Los Angeles

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 46 as part of the regular County Board meeting on March 4, 2025; and further recommends that the Board commemorate the tenth anniversary of Quality Start Los Angeles, the countywide Quality Improvement System, which empowers early learning providers to build upon and improve the quality of care they provide to children ages birth to five.

Resolution No. 46 is attached.

Next Steps:

- Recognize Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) early learning providers and partners at a recognition event on March 8, 2025, that will honor a decade of empowering educators and enhancing early learning.
- Implement an improved QSLA program model in July 2025 that is provider-focused, quality-driven, sustainable and equitable and that further supports QSLA early learning providers so that they achieve and maintain quality programs.
- Expand QSLA's reach to enroll more licensed providers in Los Angeles County, including both center-based programs and family child care homes, to enhance their quality improvement efforts.

BOARD RESOLUTION
No. 46: 2024-2025

Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of Quality Start Los Angeles

- WHEREAS** Quality Start Los Angeles is Los Angeles’ countywide Quality Improvement System (QIS), part of a larger state and national movement designed to empower early learning providers to build upon and improve the quality of care they provide to children ages birth to five; and
- WHEREAS** Los Angeles County began QIS implementation as part of an opportunity to expand high-quality early learning opportunities for children through California’s Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge in 2012; and
- WHEREAS** The two distinct systems that resulted were merged in 2014 to create one countywide QIS structure, which was branded as Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) and designed to enhance early learning that strengthens families and nurtures the whole child by empowering early educators and maximizing resources through an integrated countywide system of quality improvement supports; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA is led by a consortium of six early learning agencies: Los Angeles County Office of Education, First 5 LA, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education, PEACH (Partnerships in Education, Articulation and Coordination in Higher Education) and the L.A. County Child Care Planning Committee; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA believes that all children deserve the opportunity to learn and grow in a caring, nurturing, stimulating, developmentally appropriate environment where their differences are celebrated and their culture, family structure, language, racial identity, gender identity, abilities and disabilities, religious beliefs and economic status are embraced; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA is committed to enhancing the quality of early learning centers and family child care homes that participate voluntarily in its quality improvement program by meeting the diverse needs of early educators through professional development, specialized virtual and in-person trainings, individualized program supports and access to cutting-edge resources and funding opportunities; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA’s coaching takes a strengths-based approach and is built upon Practice-Based Coaching, Reflective Practice and Servant Leadership strategies that support early learning professionals in their program and career development; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA partners with families by providing them with tools and resources to understand the elements of a quality program for their child, how to be involved in their child’s early learning journey and how to select a program that is right for them; and
- WHEREAS** QSLA encourages families and communities to support children’s bilingual development and recognize the value of their home language through the expansive, countywide “Two Languages, Twice the Opportunities” campaign that

recognizes being multilingual is a superpower that can lead to improved academic and social emotional abilities, more career opportunities and better financial outcomes in children’s lives; and

WHEREAS In the most recently completed, 2023-24 program year, QSLA served 1,235 early learning providers, including 770 centers and 465 family child care homes, which in turn provided high-quality early care and education to 44,442 children from birth to five; and

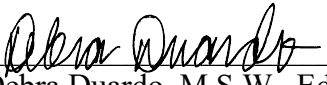
WHEREAS Together with committed early educators, families and partners, over the past decade of service QSLA has nurtured, educated and empowered hundreds of thousands of young learners, setting them on a path toward lifelong success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby commemorates the tenth anniversary of Quality Start Los Angeles, commending all enrolled providers for their voluntary participation, a testament to their steadfast commitment to providing high-quality early learning services to children and families.

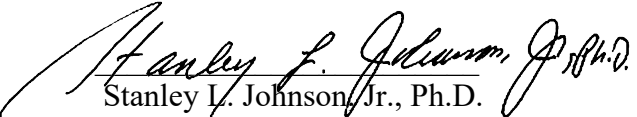
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education acknowledges and appreciates the six QSLA consortium partners—Los Angeles County Office of Education, First 5 LA, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education, PEACH (Partnerships in Education, Articulation and Coordination in Higher Education) and the L.A. County Child Care Planning Committee—for their decade of dedication to elevating the standards of early childhood education across Los Angeles County so all children enter kindergarten prepared to succeed in school and in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education encourages early learning providers to reach out to Quality Start Los Angeles for more information or to apply to participate by visiting the website at qualitystartla.org.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2025, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



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Superintendent



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Board President