



RESOLUTION #23-07
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
OPERATED JUVENILE COURT AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, juvenile court and community schools are operated by county offices of education to provide public education for students;

WHEREAS, students enrolled in court and community schools need individualized academic, social-emotional learning, and career technical education courses of study; and

WHEREAS, juvenile court schools provide public education for students who are incarcerated in facilities operated by county probation departments; and

WHEREAS, community schools provide opportunities for students to prepare for post-secondary education, meet graduation requirements, college and career transition support, access quality prenatal and parenting education, and receive health and mental services; and

WHEREAS, students attending a juvenile court or community school have unique needs, including higher rates of trauma requiring mental health support; obstacles to receiving specialized supports in a comprehensive school setting; a need for specialized supports and services; credit deficiency and unfinished learning; and more; and

WHEREAS, the teachers, paraeducators, and staff at juvenile court and community schools are highly specialized, able to serve multiple grade levels, multiple subjects, use restorative practices and inclusionary practices; and

WHEREAS, students attending juvenile court and community schools are underserved by the current attendance-based funding model, known as “average daily attendance” (“ADA”); and

WHEREAS, juvenile court and community schools have unpredictable enrollment levels throughout a school year, while their specialized staffing costs remain consistent; and

WHEREAS, the ADA-only funding model does not support core and ongoing staffing needs and does not account for the variable enrollment and attendance of the court and community school model; and

WHEREAS, the ADA-only funding model does not account for the complexity of the realignment of the Department of Juvenile Justice affecting many counties; and

Resolution #23-07 In Support Of Funding For County Office Of Education Operated Juvenile Court And
Community Schools
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
March 16, 2023

WHEREAS, an ADA-only funding model creates inequitable programs across the 58 counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools and the Santa Cruz County Board of Education urge the State Legislature and Governor's Administration to support sustainable fiscal resources for the provision of public education and college and career transition for youth enrolled in juvenile court and community schools by establishing a funding formula that supports the provision of academic, college and career readiness, and social-emotional services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

NAYS:

ABSENT: Filicetti

ABSTAIN:



Bruce Van Allen, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools