

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 4-26: In Vigilance of Federal Actions Which Eliminate Critical Funding for Public Education and in Support of Actions Which Have Led to the End of the Inappropriate Federal Funding Freeze of 2025

WHEREAS, the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees believes all students deserve excellent schools, which are culturally responsive and set high expectations, a high-quality learning environment, and equitable resources to ensure that all students are reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, it was unacceptable for the U.S. Department of Education to withhold nearly \$6.8 billion in federal funding for TK-12 schools, dollars that were scheduled for distribution on July 1; and

WHEREAS it was also unacceptable that the \$811 million in funds that had already been appropriated by Congress for use in California schools were frozen, and that at the time of the funding freeze these funds could not be used to benefit students. It also meant that while the funding freeze was in place, local educational agencies were forced to begin to revisit, revise, and reduce their budgets, resulting in potentially fewer programs, staff, and services that support students and positive academic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Woodland Joint Unified School Board of Trustees stands in support of and applauds the efforts by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, California's Federal and State elected representatives, and our public education advocacy partners in securing the release and allocation of frozen federal funds to CA Public Schools. As was communicated by the California Department of Education in a notice which stated that, the United States Department of Education, beginning the week of July 28, 2025, would begin releasing previously impounded federal funds for the current federal and education fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees continues to find it unacceptable for the Federal government to freeze funds that have already been appropriated for schools by Congress, and that doing so weakens not only our schools, but schools nationwide, and harms ALL students. The WJUSD School Board will continue to remain vigilant and use all powers vested in us as Trustees to advocate and ensure that future federal funding for public education is secured in the fiscal year 2026 budget to support our students as intended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees will not be a part of the dismantling of Public Education and will advocate with all powers vested in our Trustee positions to make sure that public education is funded at levels that meet the needs of our students and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August 2025, by the following vote:


AYES: Trustees Bautista Zavala, Rodriguez, Brubaker, Garcia, Richardson Fowler, Rodriguez-Mojica, Villagrana

NOES: None

ABSENCES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT