

ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 71-23/24
Juneteenth

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is an annual holiday that honors enslaved people learning of their freedom under the Emancipation Proclamation, and

WHEREAS, although the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln in January 1863, it wasn't until June 19th, 1865 that Union soldiers, many of whom were Black, marched into Galveston, Texas, and announced the emancipation of the last remaining people in the southern Confederate states; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has long been celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as a significant event in our nation's history, symbolizing the pursuit of freedom, justice, and equality for all, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity for those in the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District to honor the gift and achievements of African Americans, promoting cultural diversity, understanding, and fullness, and

WHEREAS, observing Juneteenth within the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District will encourage a sense of belonging and appreciation among our students, staff, families, and community members, and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating Juneteenth aligns with our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, encouraging an all-in educational environment that supports the success and well-being of all students,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District hereby acknowledges Juneteenth as a significant historical event and encourages the celebration of Juneteenth in our schools through educational activities and events that promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation for Juneteenth, such as:

1. Include Juneteenth into the course of studies, ensuring that students learn about the historical significance and importance of Juneteenth in American history.
2. Organizing special assemblies, presentations, or guest speakers to educate students about Juneteenth and its cultural significance.
3. Encouraging schools to engage in art projects, performances, or displays that highlight the history and accomplishments of African Americans.
4. Collaborating with community organizations and cultural organizations to host events, workshops, or displays the celebration of Juneteenth.

5. Providing professional development opportunities for staff to deepen their understanding of Juneteenth and its importance to our educational mission.
6. Making-sure that information about Juneteenth celebrations and educational activities is shared with parents, families, and the community through various contacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District urges all schools and departments within the district to actively participate in Juneteenth celebrations, incorporating activities and events that promote inclusivity, cultural diversity, and a deeper understanding of Juneteenth

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, County of Santa Clara, State California.

Ayes: ____ Noes: ____ Abstain: ____ Absent: ____

Clerk of the Governing Board

Date: June 27, 2024