



RESOLUTION #26-09  
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Public Schools Month is to encourage communities and schools to set aside some time during the month for honoring our public schools and to enlist the continued support of the general public to the cause of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the early history of California schools connects to Ventura County. Before California became American territory at least one American school had been established within the confines of what has become our state. In the autumn of 1846 a group of pioneers established the first school for American children in California before statehood was granted, one of whom was Mrs. Olive M. Isbell; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Isbell, who lived the last years of her life in Ventura County, told how, in the absence of slate, a blackboard or paper, she wrote the alphabet on the backs of her pupil's hands in order that they might learn the rudiments of our language; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the public school system of California now enrolls more than six million people in all its branches. It offers opportunity to every human being and aims to train each for a prosperous life and service to the community according to his capabilities and to enjoy life while serving; and

**WHEREAS**, no other state can boast of the enrollment of such a large proportion of its population. No other people has been so generous in its support of education as the people of California; and

**WHEREAS**, public education is the foundation of our democracy "public education is the underpinning of our democracy"; and

**WHEREAS**, educators and school communities make every other profession possible; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Public Schools Month gives the educational community the opportunity to focus on the value of quality education programs for all students and enhance public support for our schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OXNARD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT proclaims the month of April 2026, as **PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH** in this school district, and encourages all educational communities to celebrate with meaningful student activities and programs in a shared commitment to quality education for all.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 by the Board of Trustees of the Oxnard Union High School District.


**AYES:** 5  
**NOES:** 0  
**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

State of California  
County of Ventura



Karen M. Sher, M.Ed.  
President, Board of Trustees  
Oxnard Union High School District



Dr. Tom McCoy  
Superintendent  
Oxnard Union High School District