

WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 23041823

**SUPPORT FOR MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, AND ACHIEVEMENT
(MESA) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District is committed to ensuring equitable educational opportunities for all members of its community; and

WHEREAS, the District's Strategic Plan has prioritized student success, in its fullest context, and has created institutional frameworks that ensure a "Students First" approach and mindset; and

WHEREAS, the District is dedicated to acting in support of social justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, belonging, and anti-racism; and

WHEREAS, the bill would encourage community colleges to develop and implement Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) programs directed at identifying students affected by social, economic, and educational disadvantages, increasing the number of eligible students; and

WHEREAS, MESA programs established at community colleges will help underserved and underrepresented students majoring in calculus-based science, technology, engineering, and mathematics academic fields who seek to transfer to four-year higher education institutions; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature that the California Community Colleges recognize the responsibility for supporting programs that enhance educational opportunities for STEM majors, and produce a diverse pool of baccalaureate degree graduates in STEM majors; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further intends that the establishment, expansion, and development of MESA programs and services are essential to the development of the cultural, social, economic, intellectual, scientific, and technological resources of the state; and, be it further

RESOLVED, it is the intent of West Valley-Mission Community College District to encourage MESA programs that are directed at identifying students affected by social, economic, and educational disadvantages, including disproportionately impacted students, increasing the number of eligible MESA program students served, and increasing student success in transferring and completing baccalaureate degree programs in STEM majors at four-year higher education institutions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees the of the West Valley-Mission Community College District hereby supports Senate Bill 444 and authorizes the Chancellor to advocate for MESA program development that will further encourage Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement programs directed at students identified as students affected by social, economic and educational disadvantages.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District on April 18, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

Dated: April 18, 2023

Signed: Adrienne Grey
Adrienne Grey, Board President, WVMCCD

Signed: Bradley Davis
Bradley Davis, Chancellor, WVMCCD