



WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 25031802

COMMITMENT TO ENDING FOOD INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS IN THE  
WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, the District's Strategic Plan prioritizes student success in its fullest context and has established institutional frameworks that embody a "Student First" approach, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive support systems that address the diverse needs of the student body; and

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

WHEREAS, although the West Valley-Mission Community College District is situated within an economically prosperous region of the State, its service area includes significant populations experiencing economic disadvantages and educational disparities; and

WHEREAS, data indicates that approximately one-third of the District's students struggle daily with food insecurity, amounting to thousands of students districtwide; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of attendance at West Valley and Mission College—including fees, books, technology, transportation, food, housing, and other dependent care expenses—often significantly exceeds the financial means of many students; and

WHEREAS, the District's feeder K-12 districts participate in California's Universal Meals Program, providing free meals to every student each school day, yet this benefit ends upon high school graduation, leaving students without continuity in reliable daily meal access once they enroll at West Valley or Mission College; and

WHEREAS, the District receives funding from community support (Basic Aid) funds, providing financial resources that enable effective implementation of initiatives designed to alleviate food insecurity among students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has set, as institutional imperatives through its budgeting process, certain programs and critical student support elements that are helping to bridge the gaps that many students experience, yet acknowledge that more efforts are necessary; and

WHEREAS, Goal 2 of the 2024-25 Annual Board of Trustees Goals prioritizes the strategic

management of District assets to effectively identify and meet student needs, explicitly highlighting the importance of addressing food insecurity as a key measurement of success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commits to ending food insecurity among all students of the West Valley-Mission Community College District, recognizing that access to nutritious meals is fundamental to academic success and personal well-being; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commits to creating a meal program provided at no cost to students taking in-person classes, with the express intention of ensuring that no student goes hungry while pursuing higher education; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor to develop and implement a universal meal plan program designed specifically to support students experiencing the greatest need, including waiving the costs associated with on-campus meals for eligible participants; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the allocation of community support (Basic Aid) funds to support these initiatives, reflecting the District's steadfast commitment to removing hunger as a barrier to educational advancement and success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the District shall annually reassess its fiscal position and provide the Board of Trustees with a comprehensive report evaluating the effectiveness of the universal meal plan program, accompanied by recommendations regarding the potential need for additional financial support.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District on the 18 day of March, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

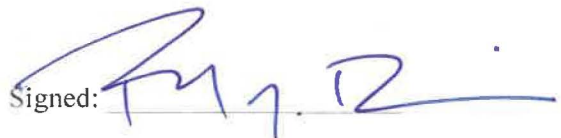
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Dated: March 18, 2025

Signed: 

Anne Kepner, Board President, WVMCCD

Signed: 

Bradley J. Davis, Chancellor, WVMCCD