



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD  
RESOLUTION 24/25 (61)

In Recognition of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

WHEREAS, The U.S. Census Bureau reports over 20 distinct Asian American and over 30 distinct NHPI (Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander) ethnic groups, including Asian Indian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Thai, Vietnamese, and others; and

WHEREAS, in Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD), 13.9% (2023) of the student population identified as Asian, Filipino, or Pacific Islander, the 3rd highest demographic, yet studies have found that the academic needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander students are frequently overlooked; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are the fastest-growing racial groups in California, and they make up 15.5% of California's resident population; and

WHEREAS, understanding Asian and Pacific Islander history in our state and nation is an important part of celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, in the earliest years, tens of thousands of Asian American and Pacific Islander Gold Rush pioneers, coal miners, transcontinental railroad builders, as well as farm and orchard laborers, were subject to unjust working conditions, prejudice, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 lifted immigration restrictions, and formalized three major categories of immigration that remain the fundamental basis of our immigration system today - family reunification, professional skills, and refugee provisions - and resulted in a vast majority of Asian American and Pacific Islanders' arrival to California; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islanders like the Tape family, who fought for their daughter's right to attend a nonsegregated public school, labor organizer Larry Itliong, civil rights activist Yury Kochiyama, astronaut and aerospace engineer Kalpna Chawla, Major League Baseball great Ichiro Suzuki, former US Secretary of Commerce and San Jose Mayor Norman Mineta,, politician Dalip Singh and former vice president Kamala Harris, and countless others for their contributions to government, industry and commerce, agriculture, sports, science, literature, and the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District hereby recognizes the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and calls on all schools to commemorate this occasion accordingly with appropriate instructional materials, discussions, presentations and projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this executed Resolution be distributed to all schools within MDUSD.

AYES:      NOES:      ABSENCES:      ABSTENTIONS:

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Linda Mayo, Board President

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Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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*Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 4/23/2025*

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