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# Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Denise G. Saddler, Interim Superintendent  
Sondra Aguilera, Chief Academic Officer  
Kim Jones, Director, Oakland Adult & Career Education

**Meeting Date** April 22, 2026

**Subject** Resolution No. 2526-0044 - Proclaiming April 19-25, 2026, Adult Education Week in California, for Oakland Adult & Career Education.

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**Ask of the Board** Approval by the Board of Education of a Resolution No. 2526-0044, authorizing April 19-25, 2026, as Adult Education Week for Oakland Adult & Career Education.

**Background** California's Adult Education system has been in place since 1856, serving adult learners in need of basic skills, English as a Second Language, and training for jobs and careers. Established in 1871, Oakland Adult and Career Education is the second oldest adult school in California. As part of California Adult Education Week April 19-25, 2026, this Resolution honors Oakland Adult and Career Education for 150+ years of continuous adult education service to the greater Oakland community.

**Discussion** Oakland Adult and Career Education successfully serves Northern Alameda County and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the Adult Education system. OACE provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Oakland and the surrounding communities, including healthcare, banking and construction training, job preparation, high school diploma and equivalency programs, English as a second language (ESL) classes, and citizenship classes.

**Fiscal Impact** No Fiscal Impact

**Attachment(s)**

- Resolution No. 2526-0044

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 2526- 0044**

**Proclaiming – April 19-25, 2026 – Adult Education Week in California  
(Oakland Adult & Career Education)**

**WHEREAS**, The State of California will observe Adult Education Week from April 19 through April 25, 2026; Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2526-0044, authorizing...as Adult Education Week for Oakland Adult & Career Education. The Board approved Resolution No. 2526-0046, March 26, 2025, Enactment No. 25-0399.

**WHEREAS**, the first recorded adult education class in California was held in the basement of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856. The class was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian, and Chinese immigrants. John Swett, who was the first volunteer teacher for the class, later became a State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, over 66% of adult learners enrolled in Adult Schools across California in 2022-23 were between the ages of 25-54, making them very likely to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Adult and Career Education successfully serves Oakland and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the Adult Education system. Oakland Adult and Career Education served 1458 students in the 2024-25 school year; and 1145 students (so far) in the 2025-26 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Adult and Career Education provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Oakland and the surrounding communities, including healthcare, banking and construction training, job preparation, high school diploma and equivalency programs, English as a second language (ESL) classes, and citizenship classes; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Adult and Career Education continues to provide critical programming and services to our adult education students and their families via literacy and basic skills to help ensure our K12 students are successful as they finish the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California will proclaim Adult Education Week during the week of April 19th through April 25th, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Oakland Unified School District strongly supports Adult Education as an important part of Oakland Unified School District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby proclaims April 19-25, 2026 as Oakland Adult & Career Education Week.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, held on April 22, 2026.

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**President, Board of Education**

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**Denise G. Saddler**  
**Interim Secretary, Board of Education**