# INFORMATION SHEET 1-14-2020 TRUSTEES' MEETING

To: Board of Trustees

From: Nancie Castro

Re: Census Resolution

## Overview

We are working closely with our county office on activities to educate parents and students on the upcoming 2020 Census to assure that everyone is counted, and California receives its fair share of funding, including funding for schools. The county office recommends the passage of this Census Resolution to show support for these activities.

**Recommended Action** Approve Census Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01-02

2020 Census in Schools Week

**WHEREAS,** the decennial census takes place every 10 years to count the residents of each state and help identify where to allocate over $675 billion in federal funds to states; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2020 Census will determine the number of representatives California has in the U.S. House of Representatives and the number of votes we have in the Electoral College. Your information will also be used to redraw State Assembly and Senate boundaries. Participating in the 2020 Census ensures that you and your communities have fair representation.

**WHEREAS,** an accurate census count is critical to the well-being of every community in determining where services are most needed, and to provide important federal and state funds for school districts; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vital for all local superintendents, principals, teachers and parent organizations to relay the importance of the census to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted, therefore maximizing political representation and funding appropriations within our school district and county; and

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson School District invites schools to dedicate a week during January 2020 through March 2020 as "Census in Schools Week," to help reinforce the importance of participation in the census; and

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson School District encourages all schools, especially Title I schools with large Title III populations, to coordinate with their Local Regional Program Managers on the best practices to implement outreach strategies that schools can incorporate to ensure they have the most complete and accurate count of their surrounding residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Jefferson School District supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will lend its support to the education community in being responsive to federal and state census liaisons;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Jefferson School District recognizes the long-term effects of an accurate and complete census count for garnering much-needed resources for our state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we stand with all students, families, school districts and County Offices of Education to be counted on the official Census Day of April 1, 2020.