

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue
Placentia, CA

Agenda
Special Meeting
Board of Education

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2022
District Educational Center
1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, called by Mrs. Carrie Buck, President, in accordance with Government Code Sections 54950 et. seq., and Education Code Sections 35140 et seq., is to be held at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at the District Education Center, 1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia, CA. Time: _____

Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Open session is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., so doors will open to the public at 3:45 p.m. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Standing room will not be available. Seats may not be reserved or held if an individual leaves the Board Room.

Despite the addition of the live stream feed, Board meetings will continue to be open to the public for individuals who wish to attend in person or participate in public comment.

Pursuant to Government Code 54953.5, regularly scheduled Board Meetings are recorded and available for live public viewing on the district’s website. A recording may capture images and sounds of those in attendance. View the live stream at www.pylusd.org/liveboardmeetings. You may also go to www.pylusd.org > Board > Live Stream Feed.

SUBJECT OF THE CALL

Discussion regarding a resolution to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present _____
Members Absent _____
Late Arrivals _____
Early Departures _____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the March 23, 2022 Board of Education agenda as recommended by the Superintendent.

Action _____
Ayes _____ Noes _____

Motion _____
Second _____

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Those audience members wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment segment of the agenda are reminded to fill out a public comment form available at the staff desk and turn it in prior to the Board holding Public Comment. The Board’s bylaws do not allow forms to be submitted once the presiding officer has called for Public Comment. **Comments will be accepted on the subject of the meeting only.**

Public comment speakers are expected to abide by Board Policy 1312, *Civility Policy*, which promotes mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among district employees, parents, and the public. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free environment. Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school/office operations; threatens the health and safety of students or staff; willfully causes property damage; uses loud and/or offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction; or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school district property, will be directed to leave school or school district property promptly.

A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is set aside for public comment at each meeting; speakers are allowed a maximum of five minutes to address the Board in English and/or in their primary language on any item(s) within the Board’s jurisdiction. When translation is requested, up to five additional minutes will be provided for English translation.

Persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids, in order to participate in a meeting, and persons who need translation assistance or services, may request such modification, accommodation, or services from the PYLUSD District Office at (714) 985-8400 or by fax at (714) 993-4875. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The Board will accept comments on the subject of the meeting only.

STUDY SESSION/BOARD WORKSHOP

Discussion regarding a resolution to prohibit the teaching of critical race theory

ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____

Action _____
Ayes _____ Noes _____

Motion _____
Second _____

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**PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-12**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TEACHING OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY
or
RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISTRICT TEACHING FRAMEWORK ON MATTERS RELATING TO
RACE**

WHEREAS, All students deserve a high-quality education and experiences in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to restrict academic freedom or student speech; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution shall require any staff member to violate local, state, or federal law as well as California Education Code; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education affirms its commitment and expectation that teachers will rely on the Board of Education adopted curriculum as the authoritative source for the content of instruction to provide a comprehensive education; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District values all students and promotes equity and equality, respects diversity, celebrates the contributions of all, and encourages culturally relevant and inclusive teaching practices. The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District further believes that the diversity that exists among the District's community of students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members is an asset to be honored and valued; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District condemns racism (a prejudged attitude and discriminatory behavior against individuals or groups on the grounds of race) and will not tolerate racism and racist conduct (Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board Resolution No. 20-04, July 7, 2020); and

WHEREAS, Each individual can choose not to hold racist views and should be expected to do so, and that we can and should see one another as humans first; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District desires to uplift and unite students by not imposing the responsibility of historical transgressions in the past and instead will engage students of all cultures in age-appropriate critical thinking that helps students navigate the present and the future; and

WHEREAS, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District is committed to maintaining a safe, positive school environment where all students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members are treated with respect and dignity, and where we can and will serve and celebrate students through academic excellence; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District honors the experiences of all students by encouraging instruction that appropriately explores the history, philosophy, and structures that comprise the American experience. The Board of Education seeks to support the teaching of respectful communication, empathy, and understanding by allowing students to see themselves and each other as part of the narrative; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District stands by the commitment to teach a complete and accurate account of history. We can and will empower and serve all students; and

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BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That Critical Race Theory will not be used as a framework to guide District efforts to promote equity, respect diversity, celebrate the contributions of all, and encourage culturally relevant and inclusive teaching practices; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District defines Critical Race Theory as any theory or framework that espouses or teaches that:

- The United States is fundamentally or systematically racist;
- Our race is inherently or intentionally racist and/or responsible for the stereotyping, scapegoating, and/or oppression of another race, whether consciously or unconsciously;
- A person’s race determines their moral character and makes them responsible for past transgressions of that race; because of this, some people should be treated differently or discriminated against because of their race;
- Character traits, values, moral and ethical codes, privileges, status, or beliefs result in members of a race being inherently racist and/or included to oppress others;
- Meritocracy or traits such as a work ethic or devotion to duty and obligations are inherently racist;
- Intersectionality: The interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will not include Critical Race Theory in any course offerings.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

State of California)
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 County of Orange)

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the ___ day of _____ 2022 and passed by a _____ vote of said Board.

 Carrie Buck
 President, Board of Education

 Dr. James Elsasser
 Secretary, Board of Education