

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 26

**IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF AN ARMENIAN CHECKBOX
IN THE 2030 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, Glendale Unified School District serves the largest number of Armenian American students in the U.S., and meaningful and comprehensive data on the Armenian population of the City of Glendale, California is currently lacking; and

WHEREAS, the federal Office of Management and Budget recently released a new draft questionnaire for the 2030 Census that includes a new MENA Category with subcategories such as Lebanese, Syrian, Iranian, and other populations; and

WHEREAS, Armenians constitute a transnational group across MENA and are historically one of the largest and most impacted groups of immigrants in the United States from the MENA region; and

WHEREAS, Armenian American students, together with other MENA student populations, continue to be invisible and underserved within U.S. public Schools as immigrants, refugees and English Language Learners; and


WHEREAS, Armenian Americans overwhelmingly support census classification for their community and have been pushing for the inclusion of an Armenian Checkbox in the U.S. Census questionnaire for many decades; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the MENA category and a specific Armenian checkbox within the MENA category of the 2030 Census would provide Glendale Unified School District with more accurate data on all of its students, which would ultimately bring more educational resources and funding for the District to support underserved student populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education fully supports the inclusion of a specific Armenian checkbox within the MENA category of the 2030 Census, and urges the United States Office of Management and Budget to adopt this recommendation; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glendale Unified School District expresses its support for the efforts of the Armenian National Committee of America Western Region, Armenian American Action Network and other organizations that are advocating for the inclusion of the MENA category and an Armenian checkbox in the 2030 U.S. Census.


APPROVED and ADOPTED this 18th day of April 2023 at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District.


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