

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

OCTOBER 6, 2021

Resolution on Engagement of Educational Pollster

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Chief Academic Officer Jeff Hittenberger presented a public summary on the recently approved California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (“ESMC”); and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, the Board passed a Resolution to Establish a Public Forum- California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (“ESMC”); and

Whereas, on June 2, 2021, July 7, 2021, August 4, 2021, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION discussed the Resolution and Forum; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION conducted a Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing, California Ethnic Study (“ESC”) and Critical Race Theory (“CRT”) Forum (“Forum”) to provide testimony, evidence-based scientific data and related legal and scholarly information to inform the public on the implementation of California’s ESC and CRT. The Forum was well attended and widely discussed; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2021, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION conducted Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing, California Ethnic Study (“ESC”) and Critical Race Theory (“ CRT”) Forum (“Forum”) to provide testimony, evidence-based scientific data and related legal and scholarly information to inform the public on the implementation of California’s ESC and CRT. The Forum was well attended and widely discussed; and

WHEREAS, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION publicly stated that they are committed to providing the public with ongoing information concerning ESC and CRT; and

WHEREAS, in-depth local information concerning specific community attitudes on ESC and CRT shall necessarily be helpful to parents, educators, and school board members; and

WHEREAS, John Nielsen (“Mr. Nielsen”) of NP Consultants has offered to provide the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION free comprehensive polling data on ESC and CRT; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nielsen has offered to disaggregate the polling data by each of the Orange County’s 28 school districts; and

WHEREAS, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION shall provide disaggregated polling data on the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION website.

THEREFORE, the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION hereby resolves as follows:

1. Pursuant to its authority under California Education Code §1042(d), the ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION seeks to engage the services of a person with special expertise; and
2. Mr. Nielsen assembled a group of experienced educators to consult on education related matters (“NP Consultants Educational Advisory Council”); and
3. The ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION shall engage Mr. Nielsen, NP Consultants and the NP Consultants Educational Advisory Council to perform the polling services Set forth in this Resolution.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Mari Barke, President to the Board of Education of Orange County, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6th day of October 2021 and passed by a vote of said Board Members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of October 2021.



Mari Barke

Mari Barke, President
Orange County Board of Education