

RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution in Support of AB 715

September 3, 2025

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Education is committed to fostering safe, inclusive, and equitable schools where every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, regardless of disability, gender, gender identity or expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other protected status; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism has risen in schools and communities across California, creating hostile learning environments through harassment, stereotypes, and discriminatory narratives, which undermine Jewish students' sense of belonging and their ability to access a full and equitable education; and

WHEREAS, AB 715 strengthens state education law by prohibiting the adoption, approval, or use of instructional or professional development materials that subject students to unlawful discrimination, including antisemitism, and by requiring school districts to investigate and remediate violations when they occur; and

WHEREAS, AB 715 establishes the **Office of the Antisemitism Prevention Coordinator** under the State Board of Education to provide training, resources, and oversight to ensure local educational agencies like ours can prevent and appropriately respond to antisemitism and other forms of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, AB 715 requires that instructional content and classroom discussions regarding Jews, Israel, and the Israel-Palestine conflict meet standards of accuracy, balance, and respect, thereby protecting students from exposure to antisemitic tropes, conspiracies, or biased narratives; and

WHEREAS, AB 715 also requires teacher preparation and training programs to include education on addressing hate and unlawful discrimination against the six most targeted groups in California, thereby equipping educators to create safe and supportive classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Education recognizes that antisemitism is contrary to the district's values and undermines its mission to educate all students in an environment of dignity, respect, and equity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Education hereby expresses its strong support for **Assembly Bill 715 (Zbur): Educational Equity and Antisemitism Prevention**; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2025, at a regular meeting of the Orange County Board of Education.

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Abstained: 0

State of California)
) ss.
County of Orange)

I, Mari Barke, President of the Orange County Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of September, 2025, and passed by 5-0 vote of said Board members present.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Mari Barke

Mari Barke, Board President
Orange County Board of Education

Tim Shaw

Tim Shaw, Board Vice President
Orange County Board of Education

