

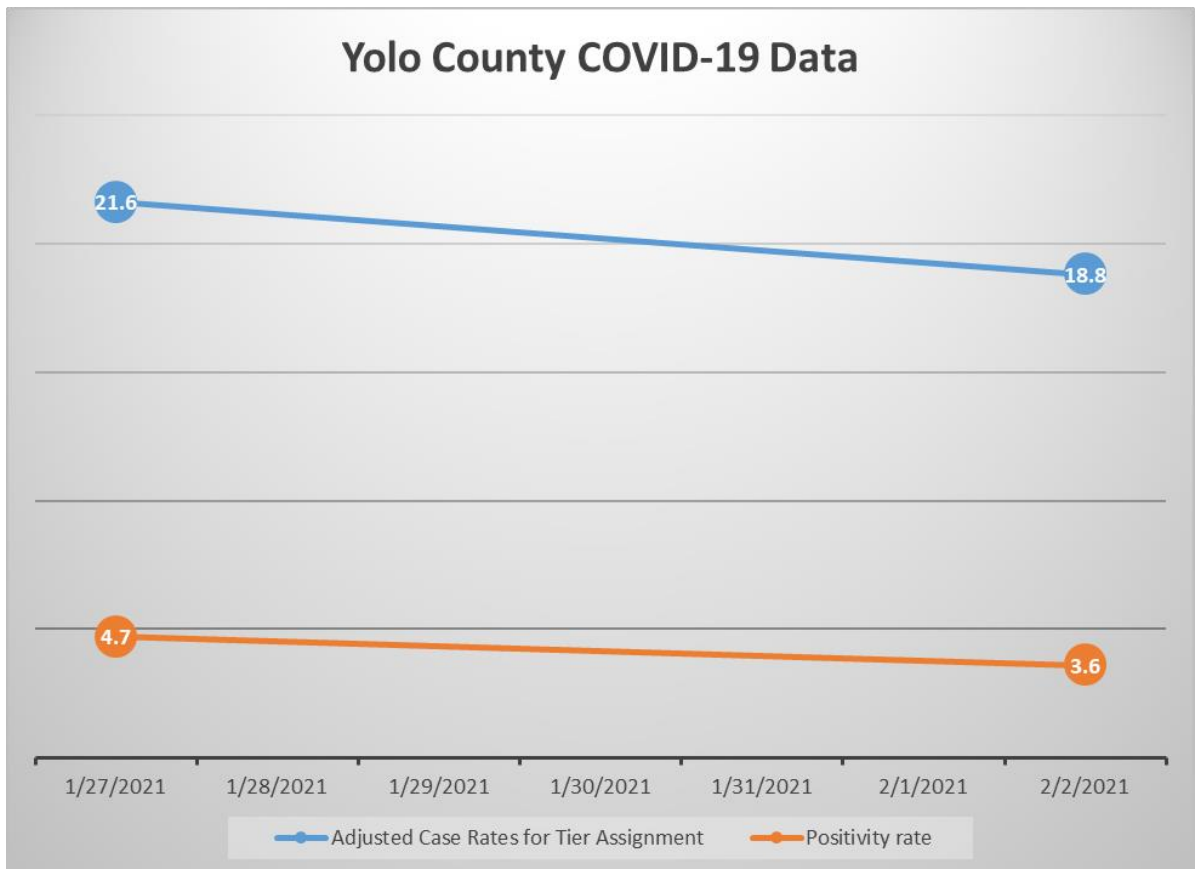
Superintendent's *Weekly* Brief

"Preparing and empowering all students for a future of endless possibilities."

February 5, 2021

Yolo County COVID-19 Update

Beginning this week, our graph following the COVID-19 numbers has changed to match the updated monitoring from the County. The following graph shows our cases per 100,000 as well as the positivity rate.



18.8/100,000 cases is in the purple tier

3.6% positivity rate is in the Orange tier

WJUSD COVID-19 Vaccination Survey

In an effort to understand the number of employees who have received the vaccine as well as better understanding how many want the vaccine when it becomes available for essential workers, please take a moment to fill out the survey sent by Human Resources. We will be reporting the results of the survey to the Board at the February 11th regular board meeting.

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Resolutions: African American History Month and Career Technical Education (CTE) Month

African American History Month:

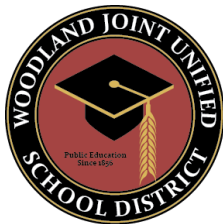
In 1926, nearly half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, the noted historian, Carter G. Woodson created "Negro History Week," which was celebrated during the week that encompassed the February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas. In 1976, then President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration to a month as a national tradition established in response to the inadequate depiction of African Americans and urged Americans to "Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of African Americans in every endeavor throughout our American history." Also, since January 1991, the State Department of Education has annually adopted a proclamation declaring the month of February as African American History Month.

Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others, as diversity and representation helps strengthen communities and improve student outcomes.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Month:

February 2021, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education.

I have attached each resolution if you would like to read the entire resolution.



Resolution 11-21:
African American History Month February 2021

WHEREAS, the month of February is the time that we, not only as a nation but as a community, recognize and celebrate National African American History Month and this year’s theme of “The Black Family;” and

WHEREAS, the first Africans were brought against their will to the shores of the United States of America 400 years ago, as part of the unjust and inhumane practice of slavery, bringing with them skills, knowledge, and traditions. African Americans have created an enduring impact on our nation and our local communities as private citizens, business owners, African American organizations, as well as staff, educators, and administrators; and Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes the importance of teaching this rich, impactful history to all students not just in February; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, nearly half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, the noted historian, Carter G. Woodson created “Negro History Week,” which was celebrated during the week that encompassed the February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, then President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration to a month as a national tradition established in response to the inadequate depiction of African Americans and urged Americans to “Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of African Americans in every endeavor throughout our American history;” and

WHEREAS, as Woodland Joint Unified School District recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others, as diversity and representation helps strengthen communities and improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, not only during the month of February, but throughout the year it is important to recognize and celebrate the lasting influences of courage, community, and pioneering influence like Brenda Earl Jones-Smith, James Baldwin, Dr. Maya Angelou, Alvin Ailey, Ella Baker, Dr. Charles Drew, General Colin Powell, Katherine Johnson, and the educator Wentworth Cheswell, the first American of African descent to serve as an elected official, which he did in several capacities including on a local school board; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate National African American History Month, we remember these and many other African Americans who have enriched our lives and shaped our character as a community and beyond, challenging us to recognize that America’s racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity are among our greatest strengths which unite us rather than divide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Joint Unified School District is proclaiming February as “African American History Month” and encourages its students, staff, administration, families, and community to participate in meaningful activities that recognize the contributions of African Americans to the community, state, nation, and world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

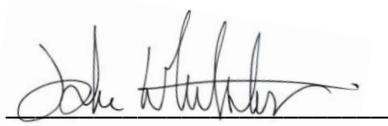
AYES: Trustees Whitaker, Villagrana, Bautista Zavala, Childers, Garcia, Richardson Fowler, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Resolution 12-21:
Career Technical Education (CTE) Month - February 2021**

WHEREAS, February has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education provides Americans with a school-to-career connection, prepares students to succeed in post-secondary education, and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry, and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business, and industry, stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Woodland Joint Unified School District is proclaiming February as "Career Technical Education Month" and encourages students, parents, teachers, and community members to support and participate in Career and Technical Education programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Whitaker, Villagrana, Bautista Zavala, Childers, Garcia, Richardson Fowler, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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BOARD SECRETARY

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BOARD PRESIDENT