



**WEST VALLEY-MISSION COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 26081802**

APPROVING THE 2026-27 EXPANDED FREE MEAL PLAN

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District adopted Resolution No. 25031802, committing the District to addressing food insecurity among its students and directing the Chancellor to develop and implement a universal meal plan program; and

WHEREAS, the Free Meal Plan launched on the first day of Fall 2025 instruction as the first universal free meal program at a community college in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in its first year the program provided more than 300,000 free meals to over 5,000 unique students, increased weekly student dining participation from approximately 15 percent to 67 percent, and delivered additional support to more than 450 of the District's highest-need students through the Supplemental Support Plan; and

WHEREAS, students report that the program has materially improved their circumstances, with 89 percent of students who previously skipped meals reporting that skipping meals has become less of an issue, and two in three reporting reduced financial stress and a greater likelihood of continuing their enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25031802 directs the District to annually reassess its fiscal position and provide the Board of Trustees with a comprehensive report evaluating the effectiveness of the universal meal plan program, accompanied by recommendations regarding the potential need for additional financial support; and

WHEREAS, the District conducted that reassessment through a districtwide student survey in May 2026, a survey of District employees, consultation with Associated Student Government leadership at both colleges, and a full year of program utilization data; and

WHEREAS, students identified the \$30 weekly balance as the principal limitation of the program, with nearly two-thirds reporting that the amount was not sufficient to cover one meal per day of the items they preferred, and three-fourths identifying \$50 or less per week as the amount that would meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, students further requested greater menu variety, healthier options, more culturally diverse offerings, expanded grab-and-go selections, larger portions, and additional options accommodating religious and dietary needs; and

WHEREAS, the District and its dining services provider have designed a revised program and a rebuilt menu responsive to that feedback, including increased portion sizes, expanded dietary accommodations, and more overall variety; and

WHEREAS, the District receives funding from community support (Basic Aid) funds, providing financial resources that enable effective implementation of initiatives designed to alleviate food insecurity among students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reaffirms its commitment to addressing food insecurity among students of the West Valley-Mission Community College District, recognizing that access to nutritious meals is fundamental to academic success and personal well-being; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2026-27 Free Meal Plan program, providing eligible students with a standard weekly meal plan balance of \$50 and providing the District's highest-need students with a Supplemental Support Plan balance of \$75 per week, administered by the colleges; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves eligibility for the program for all students enrolled in six or more in-person units, and for all student workers enrolled in six or more units of any modality; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the allocation of community support (Basic Aid) funds for the 2026-27 Free Meal Plan program, with the District invoiced only for actual student purchases; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor to implement the 2026-27 Free Meal Plan program for launch on the first day of Fall 2026 instruction; and, be it further

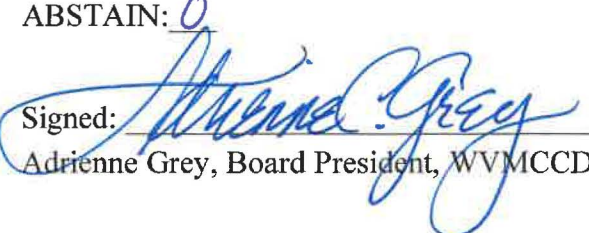
RESOLVED, that the District shall monitor program utilization throughout the Fall 2026 semester and provide the Board of Trustees with a comprehensive report on actual utilization and program effectiveness, accompanied by any recommended adjustments, prior to the Spring 2027 semester.

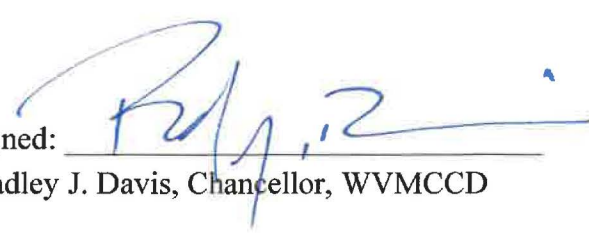
The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the West Valley-Mission Community College District on the 18 day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Signed: 
Adrienne Grey, Board President, WVMCCD

Signed: 
Bradley J. Davis, Chancellor, WVMCCD

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