

**Elk Grove Unified School District  
Resolution No. 18, 2023-2024  
Adoption of Land Acknowledgement Statement**

**WHEREAS** the Elk Grove Unified School District (“EGUSD”) recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their Traditional Territories; and

**WHEREAS** long before Europeans settled in North America, the ancestors of Indigenous Peoples were the original Indigenous inhabitants, explorers, and settlers of the lands that have since become the United States; and

**WHEREAS** it is impossible to fully understand the history of California without understanding the history of Indigenous Peoples who have lived within the current boundaries of the state for thousands of years; and

**WHEREAS** California is home to more people of Indigenous heritage than any other state in the country; and

**WHEREAS** there are currently 110 Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in California and several additional tribes petitioning for federal recognition through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as well as many unrecognized tribes.

**WHEREAS** the EGUSD is located on the unceded ancestral lands of the Miwok and Nisenan people of the present-day boundaries of EGUSD; and

**WHEREAS** Land Acknowledgements, statements often made as part of a public meeting that recognize Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land, are one way to express gratitude and appreciation to those whose ancestral territory one resides or meets on;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that EGUSD hereby resolve to acknowledge and express gratitude toward the original residents of the land on which we reside, the Miwok and the Nisenan; and

**ALSO RESOLVE TO** approve the following as the official Land Acknowledgement statement for EGUSD:

*We acknowledge that the Elk Grove Unified School District administrative facilities and schools occupy the unceded territory of the Miwok, the original people of the skies, land, and waters where we work and learn. The Miwok have*

*cared for these lands since time immemorial. They continue to teach their traditional knowledge that comes from and responds to the needs of the land and people who share it. May our daily lives and work-teaching, learning, leadership, and community engagement – support the evolving vision of the Miwok for their community and these lands. May we strive to acknowledge the past for the betterment of our future generations. May we look to our tribal partners the Wilton Rancheria, the descendants of the original people of this land, to assist with the successful education of your community.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that EGUSD resolves to use the official Land Acknowledgement statement at the opening of every EGUSD Governing Board meeting and other appropriate formal occasions and ceremonies.

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Date

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CHRISTOPHER R. HOFFMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
and SECRETARY to the GOVERNING BOARD of  
ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT