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ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Date: November 2, 2017

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Los Angeles Times, 1375 Sunflower, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Event News, 9559 Valley View Street, Cypress, CA 90630
Unidos, 523 N. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92701

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Union High School District
is called for

Monday, the 6th day of November 2017

in the auditorium at Savanna High School, 301 North Gilbert Street, Anaheim, California

5:00 p.m.-Open Session

1. **CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PRESENTATION**

Savanna High School, The Rebel Mascot

Background Information:

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history where slavery and racial oppression were commonplace. As a result, the Board received a request to consider removing the Rebel mascot from Savanna High School. The Board instructed the Superintendent and his staff to solicit input from Savanna High School's student body. The District worked closely with Savanna High School staff to develop a student-centered process to engage their students with this concern.

Savanna High School, a California Democracy School, facilitated students' participation in a process of inquiry, dialogue, and action to address the issue concerning the Johnny Rebel mascot. At the conclusion of their lessons and activities, Savanna High School students were queried, in a polling exercise, to provide the Board with their student voice regarding the Rebel mascot. The outcome of the school-wide polling exercise was shared at a student-led forum in Savanna High School's gymnasium on October 25, 2017. The following results were reported: 56 percent in favor of rebranding the mascot, 18 percent in favor of removing the mascot, and 26 percent in favor of keeping the Johnny Rebel mascot as is. At the forum, students were given the opportunity to share what they learned from civic inquiry the process and what they learned from the different perspectives.

Current Consideration:

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Budget Implication:

There is no impact to the budget.

Staff Recommendation:

Although this is an information item only, requiring no formal action by the Board of Trustees, it is recommended that the Board officially receive the information.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS, OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

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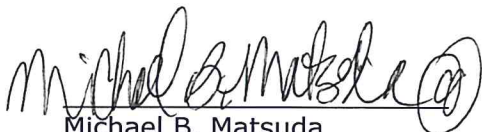
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Impact to the budget dependent on action taken, if any.

Staff Recommendation:

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7. **ADJOURNMENT**



Michael B. Matsuda
Superintendent

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Some items on the agenda of the Board of Trustees' meeting include exhibits of supportive and/or background information. These items may be inspected in the superintendent's office of the Anaheim Union High School District, at 501 N. Crescent Way in Anaheim, California. The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is closed for most of the federal and local holidays. These materials are also posted with the meeting agenda on the District website, www.auhsd.us, at the same time that they are distributed to the Board of Trustees. *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability who require modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact the executive assistant to the superintendent at (714) 999-3503 by noon on Monday, November 6, 2017.*

Meetings are recorded for use in the official minutes.

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** ***ACTION ITEM***
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