

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

**Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025**

**ITEM:**                   **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25-13:**  
**NAMING THE ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**  
***THE DR. FRANK WELLS LIBRARY***

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**   **REVIEW AND ACTION**

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve and adopt this Resolution No. 2024-25-13: Naming the Albany High School Library “The Dr. Frank Wells Library.”

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Superintendent Dr. Frank Wells passed away suddenly on March 11, 2024. Albany Unified School District is proud to have had Dr. Wells as our Superintendent of Schools from July, 2019 until his passing. During a career spanning over 30 years in public education, Dr. Wells served as a teacher, principal, director, assistant superintendent, superintendent, an elected school board member, as well as school board president. He was a fierce advocate for all students, particularly students of color.

In Albany Unified, he led the District through the COVID-19 pandemic, re-opening classrooms as early as possible, and putting in place multiple interventions and mental health supports to help students recover from pandemic impacts.

Dr. Wells also championed ongoing training on Anti-Racist Teaching Practices, Universal Design for Learning and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for AUSD staff in order to bring about culturally responsive and equity-focused teaching and learning that improves outcomes for students in the Albany Unified School District.

He was recognized by Congresswoman Barbara Lee with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in 2023 for creating the equity-based Young Men of Color mentoring program at Albany High School. This program, which was expanded to include Young Women of Color, serves students of African American, African, Latinx, and underserved Asian ancestry that have

been historically marginalized within our system and traditionally lack a sense of belonging in schools.

Dr. Wells promoted professional growth by leading with action. He revitalized the Association of California School Administrators, North Alameda County Charter Chapter, Region 6, by reestablishing and serving as president over the last two years. He was currently serving as the California Association of African American School Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASSA) President Elect, and had recently been awarded the CAAASSA Marcus Foster Distinguished Educator Award.

Dr. Wells brought wit, humor, and a willingness to roll up his sleeves to help wherever he was needed. He will be sorely missed, but his passion serves as an inspiration for us all.

#### **DETAILS:**

The purpose of this resolution is to memorialize Dr. Wells's service to the district. The Albany High School Library will be named in Dr. Wells's honor: *The Dr. Frank Wells Library*.

It is our hope that with this resolution and naming of the library, with an accompanying plaque that Dr. Wells's memory, life, and career will continue to inspire many students and faculty in the years to come.

#### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:**



**Objective #1:** *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



**Objective #2:** *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*



**Objective #3:** *Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

<p><b>RECOMMENDATION: Approve and Adopt Resolution No. 2024-25-13 Naming the Albany High School Library “The Dr. Frank Wells Library”</b></p>
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