

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 190 (Ortega)
As Introduced April 30, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Proclaims May 13, 2026, as the California Day of the Teacher.

Major Provisions

- 1) Today's teachers continue to mold the minds of our future workforce and generations to come. We recognize that teachers continue to face significant challenges, as their workloads continue to increase; their schools and school districts are under-resourced and subject to budget cuts; and their wages and benefits lag behind those of comparable professionals.
- 2) Although teachers lack appropriate resources, they have done and will continue doing incredible work with what they have been given. Teachers deserve to be honored in the highest regard for their resilience, their dedication, and the ongoing support they provide to our pupils.
- 3) No other profession touches as many people with such a lasting effect and has the potential to transform lives the way teachers do. Good teaching grows in value and pays dividends far beyond the classroom and will continue to shape future generations to come.
- 4) According to the State Department of Education, California is facing a teacher shortage, with more than 10,000 vacancies statewide, showing the dire need to retain teachers.
- 5) California teachers bring a variety of cultural backgrounds that increase the academic performance of pupils of color, including improved reading and mathematics test scores, improved graduation rates, and an increase in pupil aspirations to attend college.
- 6) The California Day of the Teacher has been sponsored by the California Teachers Association and the Association of Mexican American Educators, and was first recognized in 1982. California has patterned its celebration after the traditional El Día del Maestro festivities observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries.
- 7) The national Day of the Teacher will be celebrated on May 5, 2026.
- 8) The Day of the Teacher should be a day for school districts, parents, public officials, and the community to recognize the dedication and commitment of teachers who are educating our children.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

"Teachers are the pillars of our communities. They teach our children with limited resources and more and more responsibilities added every year. With the proposed cuts to Proposition 98, schools will lose teaching assistants, special education specialists, and classified staff. Our

already overburdened teachers will face increased class sizes with less support. ACR 190 honors our teachers, and reminds us that public education must be fully funded."

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 9-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Ahrens, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Lackey

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