SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item # 9.1

Meeting Date: February 16, 2012

Subject: Resolution No. 2692: Recognition of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☐ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- ☒ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office.

Recommendation: Resolution No. 2692: Recognition of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Background/Rationale: February has been designated as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The Resolution recognizes the importance of healthy relationships and to raise awareness of available support services, including services available in the Sacramento community.

Financial Considerations: None.

Documents Attached:
1. Resolution 2692
2. Presidential Proclamation

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes
Submitted by: Jeff Cuneo, Second Vice President, Board of Education
Approved by: Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent

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RESOLUTION NO. 2692

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, February has been designated as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to highlight the importance of healthy relationships and to raise awareness of available support services, including services available in the Sacramento community; and

WHEREAS, 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year; and

WHEREAS, females aged 16 to 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, at almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationship continue to date their abuser; and

WHEREAS, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship tell someone; and

WHEREAS, WEAVE is a Sacramento nonprofit organization which provides a variety of direct service and prevention education programs that enable local teens to recognize healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, WEAVE continues to work with coaches at area high schools who mentor male athletes through the Coaching Boys Into Men Program; and

WHEREAS, WEAVE, in 2011, provided over one thousand youth with information about healthy relationships through school based efforts within the Sacramento City Unified School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize February, 2012 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and supports the important work and services provided by WEAVE and similar organizations throughout the nation.

AYES: ____
NOES: ____
ABSTAIN: ____
ABSENT: ____

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Diana Rodriguez
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

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Jonathan P. Raymond
Secretary of the Board of Education

The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

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Presidential Proclamation -- National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, 2012

NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH, 2012

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

In America, an alarming number of young people experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse as part of a controlling or violent dating relationship. The consequences of dating violence -- spanning impaired development to physical harm -- pose a threat to the health and well-being of teens across our Nation, and it is essential we come together to break the cycle of violence that burdens too many of our sons and daughters. This month, we recommit to providing critical support and services for victims of dating violence and empowering teens with the tools to cultivate healthy, respectful relationships.

Though we have made substantial progress in the fight to reduce violence against women, dating violence remains a reality for millions of young people. In a 12 month period, one in 10 high school students nationwide reported they were physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend, and still more experienced verbal or emotional abuse like shaming, bullying, or threats. Depression, substance abuse, and health complications are among the long-term impacts that may follow in the wake of an abusive relationship. Tragically, dating violence can also lead to other forms of violence, including sexual assault. These outcomes are unacceptable, and we must do more to prevent dating violence and ensure the health and safety of our Nation's youth.

The path toward a future free of dating violence begins with awareness. As part of my Administration's ongoing commitment to engaging individuals and communities in this important work, Vice President Joe Biden launched the *1is2many* initiative last September. In concert with awareness programs occurring across Federal agencies, the initiative calls on young men and women to take action against dating violence and sexual assault and help advance public understanding of the realities of abuse. The National Dating Abuse Helpline offers information and support to individuals struggling with unhealthy relationships. For immediate and confidential advice and referrals, I encourage concerned teens and their loved ones to contact the Helpline at **1-866-331-9474**, text "loveis" to 77054, or visit: www.LoveIsRespect.org. Additional resources are available at: www.CDC.gov/features/datingviolence.

My Administration continues to promote new and proven strategies to target teen dating violence. Last November, we announced the winners of the Apps Against Abuse technology challenge, concluding a national competition to develop innovative new tools that will empower young Americans and help prevent dating violence and sexual assault. As we move forward, we will continue to collaborate with both public and private partners to bring new violence prevention strategies to individuals and communities across our Nation. To learn more, visit: www.WhiteHouse.gov/1is2many.

Reducing violence against teens and young adults is an important task for all of us. This month, we renew our commitment to breaking the silence about dating abuse and fostering a culture of respect in our neighborhoods, our schools, and our homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. I call upon all Americans to support efforts in their communities and schools, and in their own families, to empower young people to develop healthy relationships throughout their lives and to engage in activities that prevent and respond to teen dating violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the

Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

BARACK OBAMA