



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.2

Meeting Date: May 19, 2022

Subject: Resolution No. 3275: Recognition of Sex Ed for All Month

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

Division: Youth Development

Recommendation: Approve proposed resolution.

Background/Rationale: May 2022 has been designated as Sex Ed for All Month. In 2021, U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal introduced May as Sex Ed for All Month Resolution while also encouraging state and local governments to recognize May as Sex Ed for All Month. The Resolution calls attention to the need to provide young people with complete, accurate, and inclusive sexual health information and access to sexual and reproductive health care services, empowering them to make healthy decisions for themselves and promoting healthy lifelong attitudes toward sex, health, and reproductive rights.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3275

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes</p> <p>Submitted by: Mark Carnero, Youth Development Specialist II and Jacqueline Zhang, Student Board Member</p> <p>Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 3275

Sex-Ed for All Month, May 2022

Whereas Sex Ed For All Month is a nationwide observance that calls on people to take action to invest so as to ensure all young people have access to inclusive and honest sex education;

Whereas young people face vast systemic inequities and structural barriers to ensuring their lifelong health;

Whereas racial disparities persist in young people's sexual health, highlighting ongoing social inequities in access to sex education as well as sexual health services;

Whereas access to quality information and education about young people's sexual health is a critical step toward addressing disparities caused by structural barriers;

Whereas despite historic declines, the United States has the highest rate of unintended teen pregnancy among comparable countries and limited resources available for young parents;

Whereas young people aged 15 through 25 contract half of the 19 million sexually transmitted infections each year, despite making up only a quarter of the sexually active population;

Whereas young people under the age of 25 accounted for 1 in 5 new HIV transmissions;

Whereas three-quarters of LGBT students report harassment, 56 percent report feeling unsafe, and nearly a third skipped at least one day of school in the month prior to reporting due to concerns for their safety;

Whereas approximately 1 in 3 young women in the United States experiences physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner;

Whereas sex education that includes information beyond abstinence has been found to delay sexual intercourse, increase condom or contraceptive use, reduce the number of partners among young people, and decrease physical aggression with intimate partners;

Whereas young people who received sex education are 50 percent less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy, 31 percent less likely to contract a sexually transmitted infection, and more likely to delay sexual activity and use contraception upon becoming sexually active;

Whereas sex education provides information about the prevention, treatment, and care of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and interpersonal violence; the importance of consent as a basis for healthy relationships and for autonomy in health care; sexual orientation, gender roles, and gender discrimination; the historical and current conditions in which education and health systems, policies, programs, services, and practices have uniquely adversely impacted Black, indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and other people of color;

Whereas sex education promotes gender equity, and is inclusive of young people with varying gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; safe and healthy relationships; and racial equity ensuring responsiveness to the needs of young people who are Black, indigenous, and other people of color;

Whereas sex education promotes and upholds the rights of young people to information that empowers them to make decisions about their bodies, health, sexuality, families, and communities in all areas of life; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the SCUSD Board of Education does hereby recognize May of each year is now recognized as Sex Ed For All Month and supports the important work and services provided by campus staff, managers, administrators, and teachers throughout the district and across the nation;

Be it further resolved, commends implementation of sex education in schools and continued professional development for educators and administrative staff that work with young people;

Resolved Further, discourages health education programs that withhold health-promoting or life-saving information about sexuality-related topics, including HIV; are medically inaccurate or incomplete; promote gender or racial stereotypes or are unresponsive to gender or racial inequities; fail to address the needs of sexually active young people, pregnant or parenting young people, survivors of interpersonal violence, or youth of all physical, developmental, or mental abilities; fail to be inclusive of individuals with varying gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; or are inconsistent with the ethical imperatives of medicine and public health;

Further resolved, calls for all youth-serving professionals, educators, and decisionmakers who impact the lives of youth to take action to ensure access to inclusive and honest sex education for all young people.

Finally resolved, SCUSD prioritizes sex education programs that are evidence-informed, comprehensive in scope, confidential, equitable, accessible, medically accurate and complete, age and developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and resilience oriented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 19th day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education