



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.3

Meeting Date: February 2, 2017

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 2918: Recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2017

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

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 2918: Recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2017.

Background/Rationale: Teen dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout California, and teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help ensure a positive school climate for all students. The Resolution recognizes the importance of raising and addressing the issue of teen dating violence during the month of February and beyond.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 2918

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes</p> <p>Submitted by: Michael Minnick, Board Member</p> <p>Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2918

**RECOGNITION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
MONTH**

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout California;
and

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all pupils, address warning signs of dating violence among pupils before behaviors escalate, and protect the safety of targeted students; and

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated 1 in 10 American teenagers is physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, 43% of LGBTQ teens reported experiencing physical dating violence; and

WHEREAS, 59% of LGBTQ teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of heterosexual youth; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence; and

WHEREAS, victims of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, pupils who are victims in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School Board work closely with the City, County and other state and local municipalities and community organizations to ensure our students and families are offered a protected space; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education proclaims the month of February 2017 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: ____

NOES: ____

ABSTAIN: ____

ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

Josè L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education

Jay Hansen
President of the Board of Education