



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.2

Meeting Date: April 27, 2023

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3315: Gun Safety

- 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. 3315 Gun Safety

Background/Rationale: The approval of the attached resolution brings attention to the issue of Gun violence, which is the leading cause of preventable death for school aged children in the United States. The exposure to gun violence has an impact on the physical, psychological and over all well- being of children. The traumatization can negatively impact social emotional development and school performance.

Financial Considerations: None.

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy, and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3315

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes Submitted by: Jamee Villa, Board Member Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Resolution No. 3315: Gun Safety

WHEREAS, Children and Teens in the U.S. are impacted by gun violence in all its forms. Exposure to gun violence has an impact on the psychological and mental well-being of children and teens and affects their school performance, among other factors. When homes neighborhoods and schools are not safe from gun violence, entire generations of American children are affected all students deserve safe environments where they can learn without fear of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, no parents should send their children to school fearing they may never come home; and

WHEREAS, from Columbine to Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook to Parkland and most recently Nashville, the lives of hundreds of students and school employees have been lost to the plague of gun violence; Furthermore, Black and African American children and teens are seventeen times more likely than white children and teens of the same age to die by gun homicide and

WHEREAS, Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens (ages 1-19) in the United States. Every year, 19,000 children and teens are shot, killed or wounded and approximately three million are exposed to gun violence and

WHEREAS, the mass murder of students, teachers and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was committed using a legally purchased assault rifle originally engineered for soldiers to rapidly, efficiently and at great distances kill large numbers of opposing soldiers in war; and similar weapons were used in mass murders in Newtown, Conn.; Aurora, Colo.; Orlando, Fla.; San Bernardino, Calif.; Sutherland Springs, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; and more; and

WHEREAS, American school children necessarily spend increasingly more time participating in active shooter drills, which create significant anxiety among students and teachers and detract from classroom learning; and

WHEREAS, America's students – led by the courageous young people – are now leading the charge to prevent further tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for preventing gun violence in schools cannot be relegated to school districts alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Sacramento Unified School District supports commonsense legislation to prevent gun violence in American schools, including banning assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and other accessories that circumvent the ban on automatic firearms, increasing the ages at which people may buy various categories of weapons, implementing more effective background checks, requiring the registration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board supports legislation at the state and national levels to fund data-gathering and scientific research on the causes and prevention of gun violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board supports finding methods to combat the stranglehold that gun manufacturers and the broader gun lobby have on policy in this arena;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes counterproductive and dangerous ideas like arming teachers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board supports students, families, staff and entire communities who demonstrate leadership by calling for state legislative and Congressional action on this issue, and that this Board will engage with students and amplify their voices to more effectively fight this epidemic.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 27th day of April, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar
Secretary of the Board of Education

Chinua Rhodes
President of the Board of Education