

## **Laguna Beach Unified School District**

### **Resolution No. 18-01 School Safety**

**WHEREAS**, in its May 2017 study, *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2016*, the National Center for Education Statistics found that 21 percent of students aged 12 to 18 said they were bullied at school; and

**WHEREAS**, the study also noted that 4 percent of students had access to a loaded gun without adult permission, either at school or away from school, during the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the horrific prospect of school shootings made an indelible impression on the national consciousness with the Columbine massacre of 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, American students and staff have experienced school shooting tragedies that have resulted in the loss of hundreds of lives; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence on school campuses, while relatively rare, represents a particularly egregious and unacceptable threat to the lives of students, teachers and staff across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent shooting at Parkland Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School took 17 lives and shocked the conscience of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence in schools occurs in America with a frequency and a severity that is unparalleled anywhere in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to trauma can adversely affect a child's health for the rest of their life; and

**WHEREAS**, Laguna Beach Unified School District supports the right of students and staff to attend schools that are safe and free from violence and harassment, especially life-threatening forms of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, all students, regardless of background, deserve access to services that support and enhance their physical, mental and emotional health; and

**WHEREAS**, safe schools provide an environment where teaching and learning can flourish; disruptions are minimized; violence, bullying and fear are absent; students are not discriminated against; expectations for behavior are clearly communicated and standards of behavior are maintained; and consequences for infractions are consistently and fairly applied; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments is a comprehensive, coordinated effort including school-wide, districtwide and communitywide strategies supplemented with legislation, resources and support at the state and federal legislation level;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Laguna Beach Unified School District has completed and holds regular drills as prescribed in both school site and district emergency plans and that said plans involve all school district personnel, law enforcement, fire and medical rescue personnel, emergency management personnel and others essential to preventing, mitigating or resolving any potential crisis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Laguna Beach Unified School District reviews school site discipline rules and procedures to ensure they are appropriately enforced and that student handbooks explaining codes of conduct, unacceptable behavior and disciplinary consequences are given to all students, parents and caregivers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Laguna Beach Unified School District will continue to work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders, local law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents, students, teachers and staff to take any threats of violence seriously and to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate, free from harassment and violence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Laguna Beach Unified School District urges the state of California and the United States Congress to invest in wraparound services to prevent bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in our schools and to provide funding for programs and staff such as counselors, nurses and psychologists, that support students' mental, physical and emotional health.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Laguna Beach Unified School District asks the United States Congress to pass specific legislation that reduces the risk and severity of gun violence on school campuses and repeals the prohibition against data collection and research on gun violence by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Laguna Beach Unified School District urges the state of California and the United States Congress to implement commonsense measures that prioritize student safety and environments where all students have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

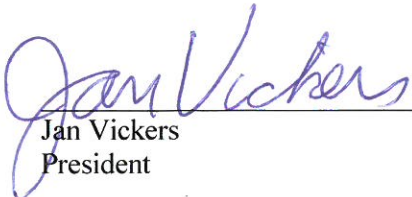
Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month of March 2018 on motion by Member Brown and second by Member Normandin. Motion carried 5-0.

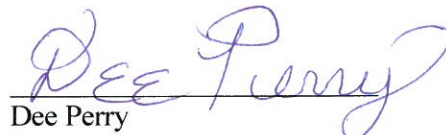
Members voting "yes:" 5      Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff

Members voting "no:" 0

Members abstaining: 0

Members not present: 0

  
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Jan Vickers  
President

  
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Dee Perry  
Clerk