

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-11

Recognizing

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, observed during the month of October to encourage schools and communities to educate students, parents, and others about their role in bullying prevention, **National Bullying Prevention Month** is an opportunity to raise awareness on the emotional impacts and negative effects bullying has on students; and

WHEREAS, **National Bullying Prevention Month** is an opportunity to talk about the dangers of bullying and the trauma it brings to its victims, and helps to raise awareness on the many forms of bullying, which include verbal, physical, social, and cyberbullying; and

WHEREAS, bullying has warning signs that include a decline in grades, unexplained injuries, depression, change in eating habits, decreased self-esteem, and many other changes in behaviors which should never be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, children experienced dramatic changes, including frequent use of digital platforms which made them more prone to cyberbullying and emotional abuse, and the Monterey County Board of Education understands the importance of strengthening the focus on the social-emotional well-being of students during these changing times; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe and healthy school environment is essential to achieving the mission of public education and **National Bullying Prevention Month** supports the need for developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and programs that address all forms of bullying to ensure a school culture fosters academic achievement and a safe environment for all; and

WHEREAS, bolstering all areas of school health and safety, the Monterey County Office of Education has launched a multi-agency Safe Schools Coalition that will work to improve communications and responses to all health and safety needs throughout our school communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the harmful effects bullying has on student well-being and learning, the Monterey County Board of Education encourages school districts and schools to implement proactive approaches to bullying prevention and safe environments to protect students from physical and emotional harm so that every child can succeed socially, emotionally, and academically:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-11 in support of **National Bullying Prevention Month** and encourages local schools and community stakeholders to develop, implement, and support policies and programs that foster a positive and respectful school climate free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and violence.

Passed and Adopted on the
Fourteenth Day of September, 2022



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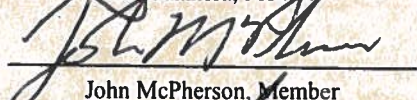


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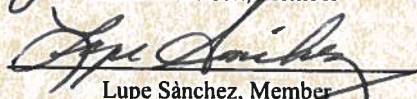




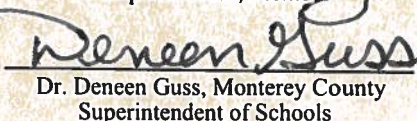
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