



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** the health and viability of our community are dependent upon the investment in our most vulnerable children; and

**WHEREAS** in 2022 there were 10,711 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 1,389 were victims in Marion and Polk Counties combined; and

**WHEREAS** we encourage all members of the community to become aware of the issues involved in the prevention of harm to young people so that the next generation will be safe, strong, and successful; and

**WHEREAS** by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children’s optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority, and the needs of families are met; and

**WHEREAS** passage of Senate Bill 415, effective January 1, 2020, added school board directors to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse; and

**WHEREAS** Board Governance Policy 4 Board Member Code of Conduct states: “Board members acknowledge their responsibility as mandatory reporters of child abuse and will educate themselves on requirements through district trainings and/or other means,” and by so doing, board members demonstrate their individual and collective commitment to the safety of children in our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of Salem-Keizer Public Schools asks everyone to join together in protecting our children and does hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Karina Guzman Ortiz, Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

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April 9, 2024

Date