

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 11-03-22-08

Resolution Recognizing the Dangers of Fentanyl

WHEREAS, Senator Thomas J. Umberg (Santa Ana) introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 100 to declare May 10th as Fentanyl Awareness Day in California on April 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, California recognized May 10th as National Fentanyl Awareness Day - an opportunity to educate the community about the dangers of fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, drug traffickers mass-produce fake or counterfeit pills in an effort to falsely market them as legitimate prescription pills, resulting in deceptions and threats to communities throughout the nation and locally; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose; and

WHEREAS, four out of 10 pills with fentanyl tested by the DEA contain a potentially lethal dose; and

WHEREAS, the number of law enforcement-seized counterfeit pills with fentanyl has increased by nearly 502 percent since 2019; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,500,000 counterfeit pills were seized within the last year, which exceeds the total number of counterfeit pills seized for the previous two years combined; and

WHEREAS, fake or counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl has also been detected in drugs such as heroin and cocaine; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, more than 93,000 drug overdose deaths in the US were from fentanyl or another synthetic opioid. For the 12-month period ending October 2021, more than 105,000 Americans died due to drug-induced deaths, including 69,000 deaths involving fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the California departments of Public Health, Health Care Access and Information, and Justice, along with the California Health Care Foundation established a dashboard monitoring overdoses in the state, and each county; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition is a coalition of healthcare professionals, community based organizations, law enforcement, county agencies, and concerned citizens from varying backgrounds committed to saving lives by preventing overdoses through expanding treatment access, promoting safe disposal, encouraging early intervention, treatment and recovery, enhancing opioid surveillance and expanding public education and media outreach. The Coalition has 4 sub-committees that focus on engaging the medical community, early intervention treatment and recovery, safe disposal, and public education and media; and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among those 15 to 35 years of age have increased six-fold, largely driven by the increase in fentanyl drugs. Fentanyl-involved

deaths are the fastest growing among 14 to 23-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, drug overdose and poisoning deaths for persons 14 to 18 years of age grew by 169 percent, more than three times as fast as the national rate and faster than any other five-year age group; and

WHEREAS, from 2016 to 2020, 1,425 people younger than 65 in Sacramento County, died due to drug overdoses, and drug overdose was the leading cause of death in this age group. Fentanyl was among the most commonly detected substance in these deaths; and

WHEREAS, fake or counterfeit pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to teens and youth. Fentanyl is involved in more youth deaths than all other drug-related deaths combined; and

WHEREAS, Folsom Cordova Unified School District collaborates with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to address the dangers of fentanyl specific to youth and works with municipalities and educational organizations to share collateral specific to campaigns aimed at youth; and

WHEREAS, to support student well-being, the student wellness centers in schools located across the county aid youth experiencing substance abuse; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Folsom Cordova Unified Scholl District does hereby adopt this resolution to recognize the dangers of fentanyl and support the work at all levels to protect the wellbeing of youth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education for the Folsom Cordova Unified School District during a regular meeting on this 3rd day of November, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Signed and approved by me after its passage:

David Reid, President

Chris Clark, Clerk of the Board