



Resolution No. 2021/22-09
Date: August 25, 2021

Resolution Recognizing September 2021 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death among youth that impacts students, family, and the community. Research shows that the community in which youth reside is a supportive factor in suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, the month of September 2021 is National Suicide Prevention Month when millions of people around the world join their voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

WHEREAS, resiliency begins early in life within families and schools, and can be strengthened and reinforced throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS, Striving for Zero, California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention urges all Californians to play a role in suicide prevention and promoting health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we educate students about suicide and mental health, and the ways they affect all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with Suicide prevention board policy 5141.52, Santa Rosa City Schools seeks collaboration with school health professionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, as part of a comprehensive health education plan, Santa Rosa City Schools suicide prevention practices involve communication that promotes resiliency, encourages help-seeking behaviors, and develops action and resources that help prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, these observances are united in raising awareness that prevention is possible;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as the Superintendent of Santa Rosa City Schools, I proclaim that our schools will stand with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention in recognizing September as "National Suicide Prevention Awareness."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Governing Board of Santa Rosa City Schools, County of Sonoma, State of California on August 25, 2021.

Ever Flores, Clerk of the Board
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