



## **Resolution Recognizing September 2022 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 2022 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**, as part of SRCS' Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports, SRCS has systemically recognized and created systems and staff to address the long-term needs from the years of fire and Pandemic traumas that have affected our students, staff and families; 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."

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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President, Governing Board

I, Stephanie Manieri, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Governing Board at its meeting held on August 24, 2022.

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Clerk, Governing Board