



**Resolution No. 2020/21-15**  
**Date: September 23, 2020**

## **Resolution Recognizing September 2020 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 supportive factor in suicide prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September, 2020 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 Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools on September 23, 2020

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Alegría de La Cruz, Clerk of the Board