

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.4

Meeting Date: April 27, 2023

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3341: Recognition of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3314 recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Background/Rationale:

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION NO. 3314

“Recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)”

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, freedom from sexual assault is a basic human right.

WHEREAS, abuse can happen anywhere — at work, at home, at school, in other public places, or online; and

WHEREAS, every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted and every 9 minutes, that victim is a child; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics 1 out of every 6 women in American has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime and approximately 1 in 33 men in America have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 9 girls and 1 in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult; and

WHEREAS

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse happen in all communities — and that includes online spaces. We can all make a difference to ensure that our communities are safe and respectful for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center is promoting thirty days of SAAM with this year’s theme “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity” calling on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District has undertaken efforts, leveraging COVID funds, to expand mental health staffing to address the physical and emotional safety and mental and physical health needs of our students; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District has training, policies and procedures in place for all staff and students to report suspected sexual abuse and assault through mandated reporting, Title IX reporting and Sexual Harassment Board Policy 5145.7 and 4119.11 for employees of the district; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education proclaims April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urge all SCUSD community members to support sexual assault survivors, including when survivors reach out and disclose abuse, and to strengthen our efforts to prevent this abuse in the first place.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 27th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar

Secretary of the Board of Education

Chinua Rhodes

President of the Board of Education