



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.3

Meeting Date: April 18, 2024

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3398: 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. recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Background/Rationale: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it.

Freedom from sexual assault is a basic human right. Sexual assault can happen anywhere including, work, home, schools, or other public places. National statistics for Americans indicate that every 68 seconds an American is sexually assaulted and every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. National Sexual Violence Resource Center is promoting thirty days of SAAM with this year’s theme “Building Connected Communities” calling on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to help reduce the likelihood of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in our communities.

Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy, and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3398

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes
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 Support & Health Services
Approved by: Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent

Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION NO. 3398

“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 5 women in American has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime and approximately 1 in 25 men in America have experienced some form of contact sexual violence 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 20 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult; and

WHEREAS, systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, etc. contribute to higher rates of sexual harassment, assault, and abuse. Unfortunately, those same groups are also the most impacted by inequitable systems of oppression in our society, and statistics show:

- more than 1 in 4 non-Hispanic Black women (29%) in the United States were raped in their lifetime
- more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime
- 1 in 3 Hispanic women (34.8%) reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime
- 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence
- 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

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 “Building Connected Communities” calling on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to help reduce the likelihood of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in our communities and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District has undertaken efforts to sustain recently expanded mental health support staff 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 2024 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 18th day of April 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education

Lavinia Grace Phillips
President of the Board of Education