

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agenda Item 7.3

**Meeting Date:** February 1, 2018

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 2983: Recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, February 2018

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2983

RECOGNITION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION  
MONTH , FEBRUARY 2018

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout California; and

WHEREAS, Teen dating violence intervention and prevention programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all pupils, address warning signs of dating violence among pupils before behaviors escalate, and protect the targeted students;

WHEREAS, each year, an estimated 1 in 10 American teenagers is physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each year;

WHEREAS, 43% of LGBTQ teens reported experiencing physical dating violence;

WHEREAS, 59% of LGBTQ teens reported emotional abuse, compared to 46% of heterosexual youth;

WHEREAS, teen dating violence has been linked to other forms of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence; and

WHEREAS, victims of teen dating violence have increased risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, having eating disorders, and engaging in other harmful behaviors such as use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs;

WHEREAS, nearly half of students who experience dating violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school grounds;

WHEREAS, pupils who are victims in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners as adults; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, families, and all youth;

WHEREAS, we encourage anyone interested in learning more about how to prevent Teen Dating Violence to visit [www.breakthecycle.org](http://www.breakthecycle.org) now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School Board work closely with the City, County and other state and local municipalities and community organizations to ensure our students and families are offered a protected safe space;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education proclaims the month of February 2018 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 1ST day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

A YES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED TO:

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Jessie Ryan  
President of the Board of Education

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Jorge A. Aguilar  
Superintendent