



Board of Education

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/32

*Recognizing and declaring of February as
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*

WHEREAS, teenage dating violence is a serious and growing problem throughout Los Angeles County and the nation; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year; and

WHEREAS, one in three teens in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional and/or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, one in ten high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend and approximately one quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, twenty percent of teen girls exposed to physical dating violence did not attend school because the teen girls felt unsafe either at school, or on the way to or from school, on one or more occasion in a 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization; and

WHEREAS, social media abuse and digital device abuse, such as "sexting", is also becoming a method and venue for teen dating abuse and one in three teens say they are text messaged 10 to 30 times an hour by a partner inquiring; and

WHEREAS, 68 percent of teens have identified that boyfriends and girlfriends sharing private or embarrassing pictures or videos on cell phones and computers is a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, 71 percent of teens regard boyfriends and girlfriends spreading rumors about them on cell phones and social networking sites as a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, primary prevention programs are a key part of addressing teen dating violence and many successful community examples include education, community outreach, and social marketing campaigns that also understand the cultural appropriateness of programs; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District has demonstrated a commitment to teen dating violence prevention and desires to maintain and enter into partnerships with teen dating violence prevention community organizations to provide education and dating violence prevention programs to students and staff around teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, the District is dedicated to improving the climate on school campus and implementing policies in furtherance of responding to and preventing teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to ensure that school site staff is prepared to recognize, respond to, and intervene effectively in incidents and reports of violence, act to prevent abusive behaviors, and engaging parents and students in promoting healthy teen relationships and to direct follow up when incidents occur; and

WHEREAS, the District supports administrators, faculty, staff, parents, students and community members in reinforcing good conduct, self-discipline, good citizenship and academic success in order to promote a positive school culture;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District supports teen dating violence prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to implement action steps and collaborate with families and community stakeholders to educate students and school personnel on violence prevention, including but not limited to adolescence dating abuse and ongoing professional development and that school administrators or their designee will respond to incidents or complaints of dating abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that schools provide prevention education for students on topics including, but not limited to, promoting healthy relationships, defining abusive and unhealthy relationships, responsible use of technology, youth-led awareness and prevention activities, and early interventions in response to incidents of dating abuse and referral of students who experience abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that dating abuse prevention and awareness activities be developed, implemented and reviewed and updated as necessary by the Superintendent; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Lynwood Unified School District supports the United States Congress and joins with other school districts across the nation in recognizing and declaring February of each year as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Passed and Adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on January 13, 2022.

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