

Hayward Unified School District



BOARD OF EDUCATION Resolution No. 1516-09

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, The California Department of Education (CDE) recognizes suicide prevention awareness activities in September, including National Suicide Prevention Week on September 6-12, 2015, and the World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2015. These activities provide important opportunities for school staff to join suicide prevention efforts and highlight the numerous activities organized to prevent suicides across California and the world.

WHEREAS, Student suicide is a preventable health problem, yet it occurs at epidemic levels in California and across the nation. It is the third leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults between the ages of fifteen to twenty-four. Research demonstrates that 20 percent of students in our kindergarten through twelfth grade classrooms suffer from a mental health issue that impairs their relationships at home, in school, and the community. Many of these students suffer silently, often becoming alienated, and may be quietly contemplating suicide.

WHEREAS, Hayward Unified School District wants our students to succeed inside and outside the classroom. Hayward Unified School District staff provides caring and supportive school environments that take the needs of the “whole student” into account. Early detection of student mental health issues in concert with caring staff and appropriate referrals can curtail the crisis that is occurring on school campuses across the state. Hayward Unified School District wants all students to know that they are important and their lives matter.

WHEREAS, Service members and veterans of our military are uniquely vulnerable. In 2012 alone, approximately 349 members of the United States Military (active duty, Guard, and Reserve) committed suicide, which is more than the total number of service members who died in combat operations. This number does not include the more than 6,000 veterans who committed suicide in 2012. In addition, for every person who commits suicide, 20 or more others attempt to end their lives.

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day aims to; Raise awareness that suicide is preventable, Improve education about suicide, Spread information about suicide awareness, Decrease stigmatization regarding suicide.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hayward Unified School District recognizes Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September.

ADOPTED by the following called vote this 16th day of September 2015.

Clerk, Board of Education
Hayward Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California