

Resolution Recognizing September 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death among youth that impacts students, family and the community. Research shows that the community in which youth reside is supportive factor in suicide prevention,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report in June 2018 stating that suicide rates rose across the United States from 1999-2016, including a 14.8 percent increase in California;

WHEREAS, on average there are 75 deaths by suicide each year in Sonoma County, making suicide the 9th leading cause of death in the County;

WHEREAS the Sonoma County age-adjusted suicide death rate was 13.4 per 100,000 people, statistically higher than the California rate of 10.4 per 100,000, according to the most recent California Department of Public Health County Health Status Profiles;

WHEREAS, in alignment with Suicide prevention board policy 5141.52, Santa Rosa City Schools seeks collaboration with school health professionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, administrators, teachers, other staff, parents/guardians, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations,

WHEREAS, as part of a comprehensive health education plan, Santa Rosa City Schools suicide prevention practices involve communication that promotes resiliency, encourages help seeking behaviors, and develops action and resources that help prevent suicide,

WHEREAS, collaboration with school health professionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, administrators, teachers, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations includes shared messaging,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as the Superintendent of Santa Rosa City Schools, I proclaim that our schools will stand with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention in recognizing September as "National Suicide Prevention Awareness"

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Santa Rosa City Schools on September 11, 2019

Stephanie Manieri, Clerk of the Board