

Yolo County Board of Education and Yolo County Superintendent of Schools

Resolution #23-24/13: Bullying Prevention Month - October 2023

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment and that the district, schools, and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Office of Education has a strong history of working with parents, community agencies, law enforcement, and other stakeholders in the county of Yolo, to support the safety and positive development of our youth; and

WHEREAS, bullying and harassment can take many forms, including physical bullying; teasing or name-calling; social exclusion; cyber bullying; peer sexual harassment; bullying about race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, bullying and harassment affects students' ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; can greatly impact a student's ability to concentrate and perform in the classroom; directly affects health and well-being and contributes to excessive absences from school; and may result in physical illness, or long-term social and emotional consequences; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education has adopted Board Policy 5131.2: *Bullying*, and supports programs that address the prevention, intervention, and ultimate elimination of all types of bullying as part of a coordinated school safety effort in all Yolo County schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education hereby declare October 2023 as Bullying Prevention Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that schools in Yolo County are called upon to respond to school-related bullying incidents with a renewed commitment to making sure every student respects and accepts all people and by continuing to implement programs and strategies in which victims of bullying can be identified and assisted, and perpetrators educated, in order to create safer schools that provide a positive learning environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we as adults will endeavor in our own interactions to model the same behavior we expect from our students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on September 12, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Tico Zendejas, President

Yolo County Board of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools