

RESOLUTION NO. 04/24-25

IN SUPPORT OF SAFE SCHOOLS MONTH, OCTOBER, 2024

WHEREAS, safe schools provide an environment where teaching and learning can flourish; disruptions are minimized; violence, bullying and fear are absent; students are not discriminated against; expectations for behavior are clearly communicated and standards of behavior are maintained; and consequences for infractions are consistently and fairly applied; and

WHEREAS, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments is a comprehensive, coordinated effort including schoolwide, districtwide and communitywide strategies supplemented with legislation, resources and support at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, all students, regardless of background, deserve access to services that support and enhance their physical, mental and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, student safety is a prerequisite for consistently high levels of academic and social development and social emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 Americans have experienced gun violence on campus since the Columbine tragedy and hundreds of lives have been lost as result; and

WHEREAS, violence and harassment not only impedes learning because it alienates students from their peers and their environment, but also cause injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, exposure to trauma can adversely affect a child's health for the rest of their life; and

WHEREAS, San Ramon Valley Unified School District supports the rights of all students and staff to attend schools that are safe and free from violence and harassment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Board of Education proclaims the month of October as Safe Schools Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District has completed and holds regular drills as prescribed in both school site and district emergency plans and that said plans involve all school district personnel, local law enforcement, fire and medical rescue personnel, emergency management personnel and others essential to preventing, mitigating or resolving any potential crisis;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District reviews school site discipline rules and procedures to ensure they are appropriately enforced and that student handbooks explaining codes of conduct, unacceptable behavior and disciplinary consequences are given to all students, parents and caregivers.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District will continue to work with a broad spectrum of local community partners, law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents, students, teachers and staff to take any threats of violence seriously and to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate, free from harassment and violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District urges the state of California and the United States Congress to invest in wraparound services to prevent bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in our schools and to provide funding for programs and staff such as counselors, nurses and psychologists, that support students' mental, physical and emotional health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 13th day of August 2024.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

None

AYES: *Bratt, Clark, Ordway, vanLee, Herd*
NOES: *None*
ABSENT: *None*
ABSTAINED: *None*



CJ Cammack, Superintendent and Secretary to
the Governing Board of San Ramon Valley Unified
School District