

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 3179

RECOGNITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH, JANUARY 2021

WHEREAS, the California Child Welfare Council reports that the fast-growing criminal industry of commercial sexual exploitation affects 100,000-300,000 children a year nationally, with 11-14 being the most common ages of victims coerced into the industry, but human trafficking specialists in the Sacramento area have estimated ages even younger;

WHEREAS, there is a lack of available data on the impact of commercial sexual exploitation within our community, but the District, and others, strongly believe even one case of youth victimization is too many;

WHEREAS, the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is a form of human trafficking and child abuse, where the child is treated as a commercial sexual object, involving the exchange of sexual activity for money or something of value;

WHEREAS, exploited children endure complex trauma that negatively affects psychosocial development, physical health, and academic engagement, which may manifest in chronic absenteeism, low academic performance, and increase the probability of school dropout;

WHEREAS, particularly vulnerable students disproportionately represented as a sexually exploited youth are often homeless, in the foster youth system, African American, LGBTQ, unaccompanied minors, undocumented, possess special education needs, and/or have had contact with the juvenile justice system;

WHEREAS, since 2009, the District has taken a leadership role in the development of bodies of work that help combat and prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and other

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implement policies and procedures to identifi
26, 2016 and removes the criminal penalty for youth enga
victim of CSEC;

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 1227: Human Trafficking Prevention Education and Training Act was signed October 7, 2017 and requires school districts to ensure that all pupils in grades 7 to 12 receive comprehensive sexual health education. Under the act, this instruction includes, among other things, information about sexual harassment, sexual assault, adolescent relationship abuse, intimate partner violence, and sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the District is a party to a Sacramento County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program Interagency Protocol Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereas the parties of the MOU have formed a CSEC Steering Committee to provide ongoing oversight and support to ensure the County agencies and partners effectively collaborate to better identify and serve victims of commercial sexual exploitation and children at risk of becoming exploited.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Sacramento City Unified School District stands in solidarity with staff, partners, community members, and all local agencies working to eliminate and address the CSEC crisis that exists in Sacramento;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Sacramento City Unified School District will infuse CSEC awareness, prevention and intervention into all applicable District units, policies and trainings, such as the biannual mandatory child abuse trainings;

RESOLVED FURTHER, prevention and intervention items will continue as capacity is built out through the hearing and placement office, student support and health services, and youth development departments;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the District will create a policy that mirrors the requirements outlined in AB 1227;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to recognize that this is a District's priority and encourage the schools to engage their local communities and invest a portion of their local school autonomy allocation in a CSEC awareness and prevention program;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that District Staff will develop and implement a CSEC awareness and prevention model for secondary schools in the District. This program will include, but is not limited to: 1) supplemental resources to support the prevention-education used with the required adopted comprehensive sexual health curriculum in a health course, 2) training for school staff, 3) a reference guide for school site use, and 4) a reporting strategy for annual updates to the Board and public; and, be it finally;

RESOLVED, that a proposed implementation plan, including budget, and timeline will be prepared for review and approval within 60 days of the adoption of the Superintendent's FY 2021-22 budget, subject to the availability of resources and the District's LCAP investment priorities, and will identify opportunities to re-purpose funds, leverage funds and seek new revenue;

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education on this 14th day of January, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: