

**RESOLUTION NO. 07/23-24**

**IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH, OCTOBER, 2023**

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**WHEREAS**, bullying is physical, verbal, nonverbal or written conduct, sexual or emotional harm, or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people with respect to sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, physical or mental disability, marital or parental status, age, sexual orientation, or physical and social characteristics intended to cause harm; the perception of one or more of such characteristics, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (BP 5145.3); and

**WHEREAS**, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the internet and cell phones; and

**WHEREAS**, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of California children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

**WHEREAS**, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that San Ramon Valley Unified School District proclaims October, 2023 as National Bullying Prevention Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that San Ramon Valley Unified School District, schools, classrooms, teachers, students, parents, and the broader community be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities and curriculum designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

**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.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following called vote this 15th day of August 2023.

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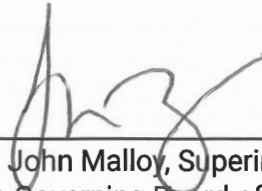
**BUDGET IMPLICATION:** None

**AYES:** Hurd, Bratt, Ordway, Clark, vanZee

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None



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Dr. John Malloy, Superintendent and Secretary to  
the Governing Board of San Ramon Valley Unified  
School District