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OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Board of Education

From Director Jumoke Hinton-Hodge
Director Nina Senn

Board Meeting Date October 28, 2015

Subject **Endorsing Efforts To End The Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Action Requested **Adoption of Resolution No. 1516-0017 Endorsing Efforts to End the Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Background and Discussion

Oakland has one of the highest rates of human trafficking in the nation. The Alameda County's District Attorney's office prosecutes 46 percent of all of California's sexual exploitation of minors' cases and experts estimate that an average of 100 children is exploited every day in Oakland. The physical, emotional and mental health repercussions from sexual exploitation are staggering and place children at risk of significant physical and emotional harm, including severe substance use, self-injurious behavior, social isolation, serious mental illness, and truncated life expectancy.

A strong collaborative effort between the District, the City of Oakland and the District Attorney's office has existed for over five years to combat this problem. The District has partnered with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and the non-profit advocacy organization Human Exploitation and Trafficking "H.E.A.T" Watch to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation of minors and increase the District's ability to protect our students and intervene on their behalf.

Education of this issue in schools and throughout the District plays an important role in the prevention of sexual exploitation. The Resolution before the Board:

1. Recognizes that purchasing a child for sex is immoral, illegal, and inhumane;
2. Endorses the continuation of a collaborative with other agencies and community based organizations across the City of Oakland, regionally and with other cities to reduce the demand for the purchase of sex of children;
3. Encourages District employees and School-based Community Partners to participate in Prevention & Intervention Training;
4. Continues to provide resources and referrals, staff and caregiver consultation, educational training and materials for students, teachers,



staff and parents about the risk factors, warning signs, preventative measures, intervention strategies, reporting resources for sexual exploitation; and

5. Urges continued communication and implementation of sex trafficking prevention and intervention strategies that are survivor-informed, victim centered, and restorative.

Recommendation


Adoption of Resolution No. 1516-0017 Endorsing Efforts to End the Sexual Exploitation of Children

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Attachments

- Resolution No. 1516-0017

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Resolution Endorsing Efforts To End The Sexual Exploitation of Children

Resolution No. 1516-0017

WHEREAS, as the Oakland Unified School District (the "District") works to create caring and nurturing environments for children, one of the challenges the District faces is how to prevent the sexual exploitation of minors and provide health, social-emotional support, and school-based case-management to victims;

WHEREAS, Oakland has one of the highest rates of human trafficking in the nation;

WHEREAS, the physical, emotional and mental health repercussions from sexual exploitation are staggering and place children at risk of significant physical and emotional harm, including severe substance use, self-injurious behavior, social isolation, serious mental illness, and truncated life expectancy;

WHEREAS, the Alameda County's District Attorney's office prosecutes 46 percent of all of California's sexual exploitation of minors' cases and experts estimate that an average of 100 children are exploited every day in Oakland;

WHEREAS, a strong collaborative effort between the District, the City of Oakland and the District Attorney's office has existed for over five years to combat this problem;

WHEREAS, the District has partnered with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and the non-profit advocacy organization Human Exploitation and Trafficking "H.E.A.T" Watch to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation of minors and increase the District's ability to protect our students and intervene on their behalf;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland formed the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force in 2013 to ensure collaboration of service providers, OPD, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the District, and community advocates;

WHEREAS, currently, the City of Oakland combats the demand for sexual exploitation and trafficking through the **VICE Tip Line (510-238-2373)**, in which residents call the Oakland Police Department to report tips of sexual exploitation, and when a license plate number or address is identified by the caller, OPD sends a letter to the owner of that vehicle or property to inform them that suspicion of sex trafficking has been reported in association with their property, which is referred to as the "Dear John Project;"

WHEREAS, the *CEASE Initiative* (Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation) is a collaboration of pioneering cities committed to reducing sex-buying by 20% in two years as an action-oriented coalition dedicated to innovating, testing, and sharing strategies with a proven impact on deterring people from buying sex;

WHEREAS, "*No Traffick Ahead*" is a regional effort of Bay Area cities to collaborate in the prevention of sexual exploitation around the 2016 Super Bowl in Santa Clara through coordinated law enforcement efforts and billboard campaigns;

WHEREAS, the Oakland CSEC Task Force endorses the "*CEASE Initiative*" and "*No Trafficking Ahead*" campaigns because its members believe in a multi-faceted approach to eliminating the sexual exploitation of children, which includes the eradication of the demand; and

WHEREAS, education of this issue in schools and throughout the District plays an important role in the prevention of sexual exploitation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District:

1. Recognizes that purchasing a child for sex is immoral, illegal, and inhumane;
2. Endorses the continuation of a collaborative and multi-faceted approach that partners with other agencies and community based organizations across the City of Oakland, regionally and with other cities to reduce the demand for the purchase of sex of children;
3. Encourages District employees and School-based Community Partners to participate in CSEC Prevention & Intervention Training;
4. Continues to provide resources and referrals, staff and caregiver consultation, educational training and materials for students, teachers, staff and parents about the risk factors, warning signs, preventative measures, intervention strategies, reporting resources for sexual exploitation; and
5. Will continue to develop, communicate and implement sex trafficking prevention and intervention strategies that are survivor-informed, victim centered, and restorative. Such interventions and strategies would include but not be limited to academic support and credit recovery options as well as the use of restorative practices to help survivors reintegrate into their school communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 28th day of October, 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Nina Senn, Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Roseann Torres, Vice President
Jody London, President James Harris

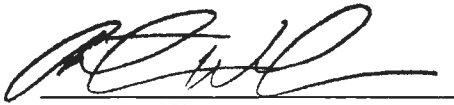
NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Shanthi Gonzales

CERTIFICATION

I, Antwan Wilson, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 28th day of October, 2015 with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Administrative Office of said District.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AW', is written over a horizontal line.

Antwan Wilson