

October 2020 National Bullying Prevention Month



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WHEREAS, the Beaumont Unified School District Board of Trustees supports the right of students and staff to attend schools that are safe and free from violence, harassment, all forms of bullying and discrimination and encourages our community to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying; and

WHEREAS, October is National Bullying Prevention Month where we observe the need for development, implementation, and monitoring of policies and programs that address all forms of bullying including physical, verbal, covert, and cyberbullying, and encourage our schools and communities to educate students, parents and others about their role in bullying prevention; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence affecting children and has devastating effects such as school avoidance, loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to achieving the mission of public education that students are provided a safe and healthy school environment that ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff and creates the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, our school District has a responsibility to ensure a safe school environment that is free of intimidation and harassment and to create safe school communities by implementing training and ongoing strategies and programs that address all forms of bullying; and

WHEREAS, cyberbullying is on the rise due to the increased use of technology and includes harassment, impersonation, denigration, and exclusion, and can have a harmful impact on the school environment; and

WHEREAS, the most effective approach to creating safe school environments requires a comprehensive, coordinated effort where districts, schools and communities accept responsibility for their critical roles and collaborate to establish a positive environment for teaching and learning; and

NOW, THEREFORE The Beaumont Unified School District Board of Trustees does hereby proclaim the month of October 2020, as *National Bullying Prevention Month* and encourage all citizens to take action.

President/Designee Board of Trustees

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NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:



Clerk/Designee Board of Trustees