



## Santa Fe Independent School District

### Proclamation

### Bullying Prevention Month

**Whereas**, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; 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 Santa Fe Independent School District 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 Santa Fe ISD Board of Trustees proclaims October as Santa Fe ISD National Bullying Prevention Month; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, We, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Fe Independent School District, encourage schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

**Passed and Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.**

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