

## **Board of Education** Steven J. Carrillo, President Lorraine Price, Vice President

## RESOLUTION 2014/2015-6

## IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENT PLEDGE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Susan Duncan, Secretary Glenn Wikle, Member Linda M. Truiillo, Member

5 6

7

8 9

10 11

12 13 14

15

16 17

18 19

20 21

22

23

32

33

34 35 36

Whereas, the young people of Santa Fe are our most valuable resource, and we, as a school district, have a 1 vested interest in ensuring our children grow up in an environment free from fear and violence; and 2 3 4 Whereas, young people themselves deserve a voice in the issues that affect them and their future; and

Whereas, in the past thirty years 116,385 children and teens have been killed by a firearm; and between 1997 and 2009, hospitalizations from gunshot wounds increased from 4,270 to nearly 8,000; and

Whereas, the Santa Fe Public Schools will establish a district wide observance of the "Day of Concern about Young People and Gun Violence" to coincide with the October 22 national observance and will give students throughout Santa Fe Public Schools the opportunity to pledge never to use a firearm to resolve a personal problem or dispute; and

Whereas, this initiative affords the opportunity for bringing together networks and resources throughout the Santa Fe area to build on existing efforts to address issues of gun violence; and

Whereas, since its inception over ten million students have signed the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Santa Fe Board of Education directs the Superintendent and Santa Fe Public Schools to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence and to partner with district principals in promoting the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence and the "Day of Concern" at their respective school sites to coincide with the October 22 national observance.

Considered and approved by the Board of Education on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

**Board of Education** 

Santa Fe Public Schools

Attested by:

Susan Duncan, Secretary **Board of Education** Santa Fe Public Schools