



RESOLUTION 2014/2015-10

STATEWIDE INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENT PLEDGE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Board of Education
Steven J. Carrillo, President
Lorraine Price, Vice President
Susan Duncan, Secretary
Glenn Wikle, Member
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ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2014

Whereas, the young people of New Mexico are our most valuable resource, and all New Mexicans have a vested interest in ensuring our children grow up in an environment free from fear and violence; and

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. Between 1997 and 2009, hospitalizations from gunshot wounds increased from 4,270 to nearly 8,000; and

Whereas, the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence affords the opportunity for bringing together school boards and their respective districts, as well as networks and resources throughout New Mexico, 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,

Whereas, on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, Santa Fe Public Schools Board of Education adopted a resolution supporting the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence; and

Whereas, Santa Fe Public Schools established 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

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education for the Santa Fe Public Schools asks the New Mexico School Boards Association to adopt a resolution urging school boards statewide and their respective superintendents to promote the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence and to partner with their district principals in promoting the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence and the "Day of Concern" at their respective school sites.

Attested by:

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Steven J. Carrillo, President
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