

**TWIN RIVERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 295**

**WHEREAS, Twin Rivers Unified School District** supports the right of students and staff to attend schools that are safe and free from violence, harassment, bullying and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** providing a safe school environment that ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff creates the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence, and even the fear of harm can create barriers to learning and contribute to low self-esteem, depression, anger and, in extreme cases, school violence or suicide; and

**WHEREAS,** a safe school is one where teaching and learning are not distracted; disruptions are minimized; drugs, violence, bullying and fear are not present; students are not discriminated against; expectations for behavior are clearly communicated; and consequences for infractions are consistently and fairly applied; and

**WHEREAS,** school districts and county offices of education have a responsibility to ensure a safe school environment that is free of intimidation and harassment; and

**WHEREAS,** the most effective approach to creating safe school environments requires a comprehensive, coordinated effort including schoolwide, districtwide and communitywide strategies where all institutions, organizations and individuals must accept responsibility for their critical roles and collaborate to establish a positive environment for teaching and learning; and

**WHEREAS,** the California School Boards Association supports local schools, districts and communities in developing, implementing and monitoring policies and programs to address the prevention, intervention and elimination of bullying, harassment and discrimination;

**WHEREAS,** the month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a campaign in response to the need to raise awareness of bullying that provides schools and communities with an opportunity to educate students, parents and others about their role in bullying prevention;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Twin Rivers Unified School District supports the goals of National Bullying Prevention Month and will work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders, parents, students, teachers and staff to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate free from harassment, bullying, discrimination and violence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Twin Rivers Unified School District urges the state of California to invest in, promote and support comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative strategies to prevent bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in our schools so that all students have the opportunity to attend school, engage in the classroom and achieve academic success.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michelle Rivas, President  
Board of Trustees  
Twin Rivers Unified School District