



# Resolution 3275: Recognition of Sex Ed for All Month

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# Sex Ed for All Month

**Whereas** Sex Ed For All Month is a nationwide observance that calls on people to take action to invest so as to ensure all young people have access to inclusive and honest sex education;

**Whereas** young people face vast systemic inequities and structural barriers to ensuring their lifelong health;

**Whereas** racial disparities persist in young people's sexual health, highlighting ongoing social inequities in access to sex education as well as sexual health services;

**Whereas** access to quality information and education about young people's sexual health is a critical step toward addressing disparities caused by structural barriers;

**Whereas**



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**Whereas** young people aged 15 through 25 contract half of the 19 million sexually transmitted infections each year, despite making up only a quarter of the sexually active population;

**Whereas** young people under the age of 25 accounted for 1 in 5 new HIV transmissions;

**Whereas** three-quarters of LGBT students report harassment, 56 percent report feeling unsafe, and nearly a third skipped at least one day of school in the month prior to reporting due to concerns for their safety;

**Whereas** approximately 1 in 3 young women in the United States experiences physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner;

**Whereas** sex education that includes information beyond abstinence has been found to delay sexual intercourse, increase condom or contraceptive use, reduce the number of partners among young people, and decrease physical aggression with intimate partners.



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**Whereas** young people who received sex education are 50 percent less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy, 31 percent less likely to contract a sexually transmitted infection, and more likely to delay sexual activity and use contraception upon becoming sexually active;

**Whereas** sex education provides information about the prevention, treatment, and care of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and interpersonal violence; the importance of consent as a basis for healthy relationships and for autonomy in health care; sexual orientation, gender roles, and gender discrimination; the historical and current conditions in which education and health systems, policies, programs, services, and practices have uniquely adversely impacted Black, indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and other people of color;



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**Whereas** sex education promotes gender equity, and is inclusive of young people with varying gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; safe and healthy relationships; and racial equity ensuring responsiveness to the needs of young people who are Black, indigenous, and other people of color;

**Whereas** sex education promotes and upholds the rights of young people to information that empowers them to make decisions about their bodies, health, sexuality, families, and communities in all areas of life; and

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the SCUSD Board of Education does hereby recognize May of each year is now recognized as Sex Ed For All Month and supports the important work and services provided by campus staff, managers, administrators, and teachers throughout the district and across the nation;

**Be it further resolved**, commends implementation of sex education in schools and continued professional development for educators and administrative staff that work with young people;



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**Resolved Further**, discourages health education programs that withhold health-promoting or life-saving information about sexuality-related topics, including HIV; are medically inaccurate or incomplete; promote gender or racial stereotypes or are unresponsive to gender or racial inequities; fail to address the needs of sexually active young people, pregnant or parenting young people, survivors of interpersonal violence, or youth of all physical, developmental, or mental abilities; fail to be inclusive of individuals with varying gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; or are inconsistent with the ethical imperatives of medicine and public health;

**Further resolved**, calls for all youth-serving professionals, educators, and decisionmakers who impact the lives of youth to take action to ensure access to inclusive and honest sex education for all young people.



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**Finally resolved**, SCUSD prioritizes sex education programs that are evidence-informed, comprehensive in scope, confidential, equitable, accessible, medically accurate and complete, age and developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and resilience oriented.

