

**SOCORRO CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION No. 2019-01

WHEREAS, the District has a responsibility to provide every child who resides within the District boundaries a free and appropriate public education;

WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) are childhood traumatic events which include physical or emotional abuse, physical or emotional neglect, sexual abuse, witnessing domestic violence, living with someone who is mentally ill, living with someone who abuses alcohol or drugs, having a family member incarcerated, having parents separate or divorce, or witnessing a homicide or suicide of a loved one;

WHEREAS, the study of ACEs over the last 20 years has shown ACE's negatively impact children's ability or willingness to learn, developing appropriate social skills, government welfare dependency as adults, career successfulness, the risk of becoming a traumatizer, and life expectancy;

WHEREAS, data statistics available for Socorro County, New Mexico, shows that in the year 2014-2015, 62%; in 2016-2017, 70%; and in 2018, 72% of children born in the County tested positive or addicted to narcotics;

WHEREAS, children born addicted to narcotics are at medical and biological risk, risk of developmental disabilities, and risk of learning disabilities;

WHEREAS, addiction to drugs by caregivers poses very high risk to children for continued ACE's;

WHEREAS, District educational personnel have expressed concern of more and more children in their classrooms are in need of social emotional, behavioral, and mental health support;

AND WHEREAS, in addition to student learning, District educational personnel are often the primary sources of support, resources, and information to assist and support student's emotional health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, through its policies and practices, the District will provide a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, means of transportation to and from school, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will lead the Warrior Resiliency Task Force (Task Force) which will be based on Anna, Age Eight – The data-driven prevention of childhood trauma and maltreatment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will recommend that all staff read the book Anna, Age Eight – The data-driven prevention of childhood trauma and maltreatment, which is free-of-charge to download;

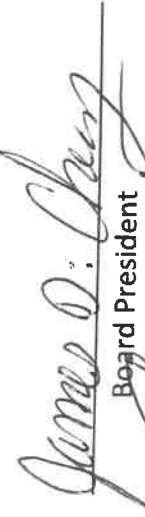
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will build a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with all appropriate state and local governmental agencies, public and private educational agencies, early childhood providers, medical, dental, and mental health agencies.

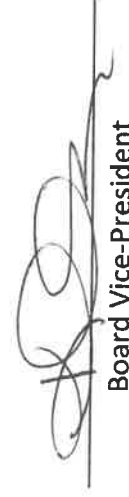
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District Task Force will internally conduct the ACE Assessment, and the Community Experience Assessment with all students in grades six thru twelve (6-12);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the results of the assessment will be shared and used by the Task Force to build on the services needed to address and prevent childhood trauma and maltreatment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will begin the implementation of Community School Services for the 2019-2020 school year with at least 2 District Social Workers, and at least 1 District Mental Health Counselor.

Adopted by the Board of Education of the Socorro Consolidated Schools at their regular meeting held March 4, 2019.


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