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Student Health And Social Services

Student Health And Learning

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

OF THE FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Proclaiming All Schools)

to Observe Student Health and Learning)

to ensure that children have access to)

affordable health care programs)

WHEREAS on July 1, 1998, California's new Healthy Families program joined forces with Medi-Cal for Children to provide low-cost and no-cost comprehensive health, dental and vision care coverage to the state's most vulnerable population - low income, uninsured children under 19 years of age. This effort is funded in a part by a federal allocation of state grants known as the Children's Health Insurance Program.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Fresno Unified School District recognizes that good health is a prerequisite to optimal learning and that schools can help students achieve academic success by participating in efforts that promote good health, including access to regular medical care.

WHEREAS, health is defined in a broad sense as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

WHEREAS, California schools have already demonstrated their commitment to students' health through the institution of such programs as Healthy Start and after-school programs, early care and education programs, school-based/school-linked health services, child nutrition services, counseling services, and immunization programs.

WHEREAS, of California's over 9 million children, nearly one in five has no health care coverage. In addition, nearly one in five children without health care coverage do not receive necessary medical treatment for a chronic illness that was serious enough to keep the child from functioning in school.

WHEREAS, absenteeism among students is clearly associated with school failure. Research shows that students who miss more than 10 days of school in a 90-day semester have trouble remaining at their grade level.

WHEREAS, health services is one of the important elements of a comprehensive approach to promoting health and preventing disease and disability in children and youth.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the value of health insurance in keeping children healthy through access to regular medical care.

WHEREAS, children without health insurance are less likely to: have a family doctor; receive timely preventive care; receive medical treatment; learn in school; and grow up to be healthy, productive adults.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that while our schools play a critical role in helping children access health care services, it is essential to achieve this in collaboration with local agencies and community-based organizations. It is only through the shared responsibility and collective action of schools, local agencies and/or community-based organizations that we can ensure positive outcomes for our children and youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Fresno Unified School District will work to improve children's health, thereby improving their academic performance, by helping to ensure that all children have health insurance. To this end, the district will participate in outreach and enrollment efforts related to California's low-cost Healthy Families Program, no-cost Medi-Cal for Children, and other affordable health programs. This will help assure optimal learning for every child by addressing children's health problems and maximizing school attendance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, _____ at a regular meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

Attest:

Secretary President

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