## **[ District Name ] ISD School Health Advisory Council**

## **Resolution on Requiring**

## **Evidence-Based Sexual Health Education**

**[ Date ]**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 national teen birth rate was 16.7 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15–191; and

**WHEREAS**, the even higher 2019 teen birth rate of 24.0 teen births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15–19 in Texas is cause for concern1; and

**WHEREAS**, in [ District Name ] ISD there were [ # ] teen births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15–19 in 20[XX]; and

**WHEREAS**, in [ District Name ] ISD there are [ # ] pregnant and parenting girls this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the average cost in Texas in 2015 to provide medical care and economic supports during pregnancy and the first year of infancy, was $15,000 per teen birth2; and

**WHEREAS**, teen pregnancy is one of the main reasons for high school dropout among girls, and adolescent parents are less likely to perform well in school3,4; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Texas rate of Chlamydia was 1662.9 per 100,000 for teens ages 15-195; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Texas rate of Gonorrhea was 397.2 per 100,000 for teens ages 15-19 is cause for concern5; and

**WHEREAS**, §28.004 of the Texas Education Code requires that school districts “consider the recommendations of the local school health advisory council before changing the district's health education curriculum or instruction” and that school health advisory councils recommend “the number of hours of instruction to be provided in health education” and appropriate grade levels, methods of instruction, and materials for sexual health education6; and

**WHEREAS**, adolescents need evidence-based sexual health education in order to make healthy decisions about their physical and emotional development and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the local school health advisory council will ensure that local community values are reflected in any recommendation made by the council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, based on this information, BE IT RESOLVED that the [District Name] Independent School District School Health Advisory Council recommends that evidence-based sexual health education shall be required for middle and high school students in [ District Name ] ISD and HEREBY MAKES evidence-based sexual health education a priority of this School Health Advisory Council.**

**Evidence-based sexual health education will become a priority in [ District Name ] ISD as follows:**

**By the end of the 20[XX] school year, the [ District Name ] ISD School Health Advisory Council will establish a sexual health education sub-committee to address the issues presented in this resolution.**

**By [ MM/DD/YYYY ], the [ District Name ] ISD School Health Advisory Council will complete a needs and resource assessment for adolescent sexual health in the District.**

**By [ MM/DD/YYYY ], the [ District Name ] ISD School Health Advisory Council will select (an) evidence-based sexual health program(s) for [ District Name ] ISD.**

**By [ MM/DD/YYYY ], the [ District Name ] ISD School Board will approve the selected evidence-based sexual health program(s) for use in all [ District Name ] ISD middle and high schools.**

**By [ MM/DD/YYYY ], the [ District Name ] ISD will oversee the implementation of the approved evidence-based sexual health program(s) in all [ District Name ] ISD middle and high schools.**

Approved and adopted the [ Date ] day of [ Month ], 20[XX]. We the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the [ District Name ] ISD School Health Advisory Council and included in the SHAC meeting minutes.

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