

SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION # 2425-44

In Recognition of the Essential Role and Needs of Young Men in Society

WHEREAS, young men (in partnership with young women) play a critical role in shaping American society positively through their strengths, ideas, and actions; and

WHEREAS, the current emotional, educational, and financial state of young men is in critical condition and requires immediate and broad-based interventions to ensure their successful integration and contribution to society; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of young men to our communities, institutions, and nation need to be recognized and celebrated to foster a sense of worth and belonging; and

WHEREAS, understanding and addressing the challenges faced by young men is crucial in providing them with the support necessary to thrive in their personal and professional lives; and

WHEREAS, the successful development of young men into responsible and contributing adults is vital for the continuity and prosperity of our society; and

WHEREAS, the term "toxic masculinity" often does not reflect the vast majority of men and can detract from constructive dialogues aimed at supporting and understanding the challenges and positive attributes of young men; and

WHEREAS, language that implies young men need to be "fixed" by women undermines mutual respect and equality and is not conducive to constructive discourse on gender dynamics in our society; and

WHEREAS, SRCS encourages each county office of education, school district, school, elected official, business, government agency, health-care provider, organization, and citizen to share the responsibility to recognize and support the needs of young men, promoting their mental, emotional, and physical health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Rafael City Schools Board of Education hereby recognizes the indispensable role of young men in our community and commits to support their needs and acknowledge their contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the district,

ADOPTED by the San Rafael City Schools Board of Education this 10th day of March 2025, and effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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