

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL)
HEALTH EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES) RESOLUTION NO. 20-070
IN SCHOOLS)

WHEREAS, Amador County has the thirteenth highest suicide rate in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, 46% of Amador County 9th grade students and 38% of 11th grade students reported they experience chronic sadness / hopelessness on the California Healthy Kids Survey in 2019; and

WHEREAS, 22% of Amador County 9th grade and 38% of 11th grade students reported they had considered suicide on the California Healthy Kids Survey in 2019; and

WHEREAS, 97% of Amador County schools employees did not feel the current level of counseling services are adequate to meet student needs and 96% of employees believe that Amador County students have needs beyond what school counselors can address that are going unmet; and

WHEREAS, Amador schools' employees report anxiety, depression, family stress, low self-esteem, and early childhood trauma as the most common needs in students when it comes to mental health; and

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health disorders, including major depression, schizophrenia, panic disorders, and obsessive-compulsive disorders affect many children and youth every year, indiscriminate of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 percent of students with a mental health condition 14 years or older drop-out of school, the highest dropout rate for any disability group; and

WHEREAS, a focus on prevention and early intervention efforts could greatly reduce the number of children experiencing serious mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, federal statistics show that one in 10 children has a serious mental health condition, but only a third will receive any care at all — with even fewer receiving appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, children, youth and adults can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community; and

WHEREAS, each school employee, elected official, business, government agency, health-care provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health issues and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amador County Board of


Supervisors, hereby declares their full support for pursuit of additional programs, services, and sources of funding that support prevention and early intervention for the mental health needs of the students of Amador

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 26th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Pat Crew, Frank Axe, Richard Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Patrick Crew, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County



Deputy