



## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH**

**OCTOBER 2017**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION # 2017-18-5**

WHEREAS, conflict is a normal part of the childhood, adolescent and adult experience, and we acknowledge that conflicts arise among classmates, family members, neighbors, friends, community members and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, resolving conflict in productive ways requires learned skills, school and community resources and/or trained counselors and behavioral health professionals; and

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, such as the Internet and cell phones; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, 18.1% of Summit High School students and 38.8% of Summit Middle School students report an incident of bullying at least one time on school property; and (Healthy Kids Colorado Survey 2015)

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, Summit School District commits to “teaching and promoting healthy life skills” and “providing safe learning environments that promote respectful, culturally-inclusive interactions and collaboration as part of VISION2020; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution and bullying prevention curriculum and skill building are an important component of the social-emotional wellness of children and adolescents; and

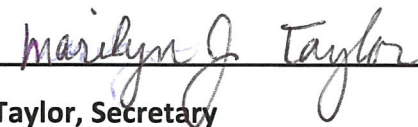
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Summit School District Board of Education does hereby join Summit County and other community partners in designating October 2017 as Conflict Resolution Month. Additionally, Summit School District Board of Education does hereby join other school district across the state and nation in designating October 2017 Bullying Prevention Month this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

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