

**RESOLUTION: MERIDIAN CARES ABOUT YOU: HEALTH AND SAFETY EXPO**

A regular meeting of the board of education of the district was held in the Community Conference Room, in the district, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 at 7:00 in the evening. The meeting was called to order by Mary Gebara, President.

**WHEREAS**, The Okemos Public Schools community and the Charter Township of Meridian community have been impacted by several traumatizing events since December 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The Okemos Public Schools Board of Education recognizes the pain, distress and toll on mental health that these events have caused our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Okemos Public Schools Board of Education looks for ways to repair our sense of well being by highlighting health, safety, mental health and emergency services resources available in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Okemos Public Schools Board of Education in collaboration with leaders from the Charter Township of Meridian will sponsor the Meridian Cares About You: Health and Safety Expo; and

**WHEREAS**, The free event, open to the public, takes place on May 10, 2023 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Marketplace on the Green and includes speakers, music, giveaways, and free food; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 17 booths will be set up for the opportunity for the public to speak directly with health and mental health professionals, law enforcement, and other advocacy groups from Ingham County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Meridian Cares About You: Health and Safety Expo will be promoting community-level collaborations for the healing, recovery and resiliency of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Meridian Township, Michigan State University, Ingham County, Delta Dental, Sparrow, American Red Cross and others will be supporting the community by offering resources for recovery, increasing awareness of enhancing access and reducing barriers to these resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Okemos Public Schools Board of Education supports the Meridian Cares About You: Health and Safety Expo.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Okemos Public Schools Board of Education encourages students, families, and staff to participate in the Meridian Cares About You: Health and Safety Expo.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

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Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Okemos Public Schools, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a regular meeting held on April 24, 2023, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

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Secretary, Board of Education