



## JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Meeting Date:** September 18, 2025

**Submitted By:** Dr. Lacey Gosch  
**Title:** Assistant Superintendent

**Agenda Item:** Consider and take action regarding approving the Proclamation for October as National Bullying Prevention Month.

### CONSENT ITEM

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Trustees approve the Proclamation to declare October as National Bullying Prevention Month for Judson ISD.

#### **IMPACT/RATIONALE:**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Judson ISD wants to ensure our students take a stand against bullying. All students are provided guidance lessons throughout the school year to encourage our students to be proactive against bullying and bring awareness to bullying prevention. We also have an online reporting application called STOPit! which will allow our students to report bullying anonymously or any other activities that may interfere with learning. To build awareness for bullying prevention and decrease bullying incidents in Judson ISD, the district and campuses will participate in activities that may include, but not be limited to the following activities and events.

- \*All campuses will be conducting bullying lessons for guidance
- \*All district staff complete Vector training for Bullying Prevention
- \*Anti-Bullying presentations
- \*Kindness Club Activities
- \*Unity day will be presented to share anti -bullying prevention
- \*A Bullying video will be advertised sharing how to report on StopIT
- \*Selected middle school students will attend a bullying symposium
- \*Wear orange for bullying awareness on October 17, 2025

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

**Approval/Disapproval**



## **Judson ISD's Proclamation Proclaiming October, as National Bullying Prevention Month**

**WHEREAS**, bullying is the aggressive use of power targeting another person or group of people with repeated, unwanted words or actions, hurting them emotionally or physically; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online through technology; 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**, thousands of children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

**WHEREAS**, targets of bullying are at an increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, children who witness bullying often feel less safe, helpless to stop it, and intimidated.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Judson ISD proclaims October as National Bullying Prevention Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that I, Monica Ryan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as School Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim October as National Bullying Prevention Month. Judson ISD schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, businesses, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

**Monica Ryan, President**

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**Lesley Lee, Secretary**

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