



**Sun Prairie Area
School District**

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

**Proclamation In Support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2022**

WHEREAS, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and one in two transgender and nonbinary individuals will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 Dane County Youth Assessment, 6.1% of all high school youth, 10.1% of all high school youth who identify as female, and 16.0% of high school youth who identify as lesbian/gay/bi-sexual/questioning report that they have been physically or verbally forced to participate in sexual activity in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents/caregivers, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, and leaves long lasting physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response; and

WHEREAS, our Sun Prairie Area School District theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year is “We are not alone,” and we encourage every person to start conversations about what sexual violence is, take action to prevent it, and take action to help survivors connect with services, and to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education hereby proclaims the month of April 2022 to be **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, to keep our community members safe from this crime, and to stand together with survivors and victims of sexual assault.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Proclamation was duly passed by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 11th day of April, 2022.