GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 2008- 22
Zachary's Driver's Education Resolution

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Reducing fatal injuries among teen drivers.

SUBMITTED TO: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California State Legislature, and the California Department of Education.

SUBMITTED BY: Grossmont Union High School District

WHEREAS, In the last reportable year, 594 drivers between the ages of 15 and a half and 18 were fatally injured in California in 2005;

WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a report that indicated states with the toughest laws governing teenage driving reduced death rates for 16 year olds by up to 21% while states with less restrictive laws reduced by up to 11%;

WHEREAS, A study from Johns Hopkins University states the following provisions have the greatest impact among teen survivability:

1. Age requirements for learner permits, intermediate and full driver's licenses
2. Supervised driving of hours of 30 or more
3. Passenger restrictions while teen is driving
4. Three-month waiting period for teen to obtain their intermediate license
5. Night-time driving restrictions

"We already knew that the programs reduced crash rates of young drivers," says Johns Hopkins professor Susan Baker and lead author of the above study, "but we didn't know which programs were most effective". Currently 19 states have all the listed provisions on the books;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the GUHSD Board supports and encourages the Governor and California State Legislature to explore what programs will decrease the number of accidents among teen drivers, and designate funding for State Accredited High Schools to implement such programs and adopt policies that are proven to reduce fatal injuries among teen drivers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District at El Cajon, California, on this 11th day of October 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
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