Equity Statement for SR22-6, Recommendations Related to Allegations of Sexual Assault and Abuse in Schools

Members of the D.C. State Board of Education have become increasingly aware of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment in school settings. SR22-6 provides recommendations for agencies to make processes and data on the topic readily available to the public. Additionally, the State Board requests community-based public offices and organizations that interface with children and families establish protocols and trainings to enhance their awareness for handling reports to prevent delaying the processing of potential sexual abuse and harassment cases. The resolution calls for agencies to provide clarity on wraparound services for students affected by sexual assault and abuse, as well as calls for enhanced trainings for schools and community partners around prevention and creating supportive environments regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Lastly, the resolution calls for an agency roundtable to explore how entities in the city can collaborate for a safer student experience across the city.

The State Board believes these recommendations will increase equity in the education system in the District of Columbia by supporting students' overall safety and well-being, as well as creating supportive educational environments for children regardless of gender or sexual orientation.