



**State Board of Education Resolution
On Sexual Assault Data
SR22-16**

WHEREAS, the D.C. State Board of Education passed SR22-6, *Recommendations Related to Allegations of Sexual Assault and Abuse in Schools*, at its public meeting in July 2022;

WHEREAS, SR22-6 calls for data to be made publicly available and incidents of sexual assault and abuse at schools to be disaggregated by type and reported annually by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE);

WHEREAS, the State Board's Outreach and Advocacy Committee held a roundtable on sexual assault in schools comprised of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANCs), the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), DC Rape Crisis Center, the Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education, and the Office of the Student Advocate in September 2022; and

WHEREAS, the key takeaways for that session were consistency in reporting of allegations of sexual abuse or assault, training of individuals who interface with children and students, and recommendations for data points that should be made publicly available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the D.C. State Board of Education recommends the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) explore methods for sharing sexual assault and harassment data to increase transparency on the issue, while still protecting the identities and well-being of individuals who report these incidents and recognizing that appropriate data might vary for elementary, middle, and high schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that OSSE should provide intervention and implement action plans with local education agencies (LEAs) with substantiated sexual abuse claims; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OSSE provides an annual report to D.C. Council on sexual assault cases in schools and they make the report and its data publicly available on its website—ensuring the report includes but not be limited to the following:

- How many incidents were reported in schools annually;
- How many incidents were investigated;
- How many claims were substantiated; and
- Identify individuals that may have been terminated and/or prosecuted due to sexual assault or abuse.

Date Adopted: 12/21/2022

Signed: _____

Jessica Sutter, President

