

**Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education**

**Capital Region Compact for Children and Youth**

Resolution No. 65, 2007-08

**WHEREAS**, the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education is committed to the goal that all capital region children and youth are ready for college, work and life by the age of 21.

**WHEREAS**, success in this goal will require that everyone in the community play a role and collectively share the responsibility for the achievement of this commitment, including government, school districts, business, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, philanthropy, and individuals.

**WHEREAS**, fulfilling these commitments will create a community that:

- **INVESTS IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH** as its highest priority, including creating partnerships among public, private, and community-based sectors in order to provide a comprehensive, coordinated system of care, support and opportunities;
- **Fosters CARING ADULTS** who are actively involved in the lives of children and youth, including parents, teachers, mentors, coaches and neighbors;
- **Provides SAFE PLACES** that exist for youth in their homes, neighborhoods, and schools that are physically and emotionally safe, free from youth/gang violence, racial discrimination, hate, and that offer constructive use of time in interesting and relevant ways;
- **Ensures a HEALTHY START** that meets the basic needs of children and youth;
- **Ensures an EFFECTIVE EDUCATION** and 21st century skills, making certain that in-school and out-of-school learning experiences result in all children and youth graduating from high school with the skills and competencies necessary to be successful in post secondary education and work in the 21st Century economy;
- **Provides opportunities for children and youth to PARTICIPATE AND BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, we further believe that adequate resources and a high quality human services workforce are critical for children and youth serving organizations to deliver effective services for children, youth and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education shall collaborate with the City of Sacramento's Office of Youth Development, the Sacramento County Children's Coalition, and others in hosting the Ready by 21 Commitment for Success Community Convening on April 28<sup>th</sup> and become a signatory of the Capital Region Compact for Children and Youth.

Dated: April 15, 2008