



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0013-2024

Sponsored by: **Mary Lupien**, East District Representative

April 5, 2024

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the Rochester City School District (RCSD) to implement Bivona Child Advocacy Center’s “Safety Matters” child abuse prevention curriculum

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join me by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution – asking the RCSD to implement Bivona Child Advocacy Center’s “Safety Matters” child abuse prevention curriculum – and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, a child abuse prevention curriculum is a critical addition to current school curriculum as it can directly contribute to keep our City’s most precious asset – its Children – safe from abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Bivona Child Advocacy Center is the only certified organization in the area and who currently serves 24 school districts in the five county area; and

WHEREAS, Bivona’s Safety Matters curriculum offers a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to educating our students on personal safety; and

WHEREAS, Bivona’s programs, tailored for students in grades K-12, address crucial topics such as child abuse prevention (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), bullying, cyberbullying, and digital dangers; and

WHEREAS, together, we can empower our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves and their peers from abuse; and

WHEREAS, with your help, we can ensure the school system remains a pillar of the Rochester community, providing crucial services to our students throughout the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned Members of the Rochester City Council, therefore ask the RCSD to implement Bivona Child Advocacy Center’s “Safety Matters” child abuse prevention curriculum in our City’s schools.

Sincerely,

Mary Lupien, Councilmember
East District

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The following Councilmembers join their colleague in support of Memorializing Resolution 0007-24:



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