

## ADVOCATING FOR THE JOYFUL CHILD'S BRAVE INITIATIVE

### How you can help bring BRAVE to your school:

#### ⇒ Ask your **school board** to approve the **Be BRAVE - Be Safe Curriculum**

- Email individual board members
- Include this **video message**: <https://goo.gl/XjuQdW>
- Speak to the board during public comments at a board meeting
- Start and submit a petition to the board
- In California, parents have a unique opportunity to contribute their priorities to the Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP) for school districts. Make comprehensive safety prevention education a goal for your district and it will become part of their report to the state Department of Education.

#### ⇒ Share our **Informational Handouts**: Download the BRAVE Initiative for Safe School Communities Curriculum packet on our website.

### What to write or say:

#### ⇒ **Introduce Yourself:**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I have \_\_\_\_ (#) students attending \_\_\_\_\_ (identify schools) in this district; OR  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a teacher at \_\_\_\_\_ (identify school)

#### ⇒ **Give Context:**

- Children are the number one victims of all violent crime among any population group in the U.S
- This exposure to violence has a profound effect on the classroom, especially on behavior and learning ability
- Teachers and children in our schools deserve education in the classroom that:
  - Teaches students how to advocate for their safety
  - Gives students realistic skills to help keep themselves safe
  - Gives teachers and administrators tools to identify and respond to problematic behaviors so students can learn more effectively

#### ⇒ **Make the Ask:**

- The Joyful Child Foundation's **Be BRAVE - Be Safe Curriculum** includes 10 interactive life skills lessons that empower teachers to provide age-appropriate, personal safety skills for students in grades K-6
- I respectfully request that the board learn more from The Joyful Child in an informational meeting in person or via Zoom (video-chat)
- Please review these handouts/petition (as applicable)
- Thank you for your time

#### ⇒ **Follow up:**

- Call and/or email the board to follow up
- Email us at [contact@thejoyfulchild.org](mailto:contact@thejoyfulchild.org) so we can help
- Attend a future meeting, if needed



***Thank you for being a BRAVE Advocate for children!***