

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT
Aligning Sonoma County Office of Education and
Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Practices and Activities
With the Upstream Investments Initiative

WHEREAS, the independently elected County Superintendent of Schools has the executive responsibility of administering the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE); and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma is sponsoring a community-wide strategic initiative called Upstream Investments with the following **mission**: To facilitate the implementation of prevention-focused policies and interventions that increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments **vision** for all residents of Sonoma County is that poverty is eliminated and all people have an equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative is designed to target the following **factors**:

Social and economic factors

Poverty and racial/ethnic disparities
Community conditions
Public opinion, public policy, and laws

Family and individual factors

Family dysfunction
Negative peer influences
Early antisocial behavior

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to promote four community **goals**:

1. The whole community is engaged in supporting the healthy development of children.
2. Community members have access to education and training and are adequately prepared for the challenges of the future.
3. All community members are well sheltered, safe, and socially supported.
4. Sonoma County has a thriving diverse economy that produces economic security for all.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to expand **funding** for Model Upstream Programs and also seeks to promote **organizational practices** that support the Upstream Vision.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Strategic Initiative promotes the implementation of **outcomes-based practices** including Evidence-Based Practices, Promising Practices, and Emerging Practices.

WHEREAS, Twenty-two indicators of success will inform the community about the success of Upstream Investments.

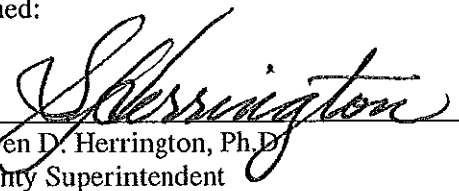
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| 1. Reduced child maltreatment | 12. Improved higher education |
| 2. Reduced youth binge drinking | 13. Improved housing affordability |
| 3. Reduced youth drug use | 14. Reduced homelessness |
| 4. Reduced youth depression | 15. Reduced juvenile arrests |
| 5. Reduced youth tobacco use | 16. Reduced adult arrests |
| 6. Reduced teen births | 17. Reduced domestic violence |
| 7. Reduced obesity | 18. Reduced gang membership |
| 8. Improved pre-school attendance | 19. Improved youth connectedness |
| 9. Improved 3 rd grade reading | 20. Reduced poverty |
| 10. Improved 3 rd grade math | 21. Reduced unemployment |
| 11. Improved high school completion | 22. Improved health insurance rates |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools and the Sonoma County Office of Education share the Upstream Investments **mission, goals, commitment to improving the indicators of success, and vision** and has aligned its organizational practices with the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

- Reducing alcohol and substance abuse through SCOE's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program
- Disseminating information regarding and promoting a K-12 Proposition 63 Mental Health Initiative
- Sponsoring the Child Care Planning Council
- Closing the achievement gap through the Aiming High Initiative program
- Providing a Cal-Safe Teen Parent Program
- Providing educational support through Court and Community Programs: in the County Jail, Juvenile Hall, and Valley of the Moon Children's Home
- Improving the workforce opportunities through SCOE's Career & Technology Education programs: Regional Occupation Program and College to Career Fairs


Approved and adopted the 14th day of April, 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools.

Signed:



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County Superintendent

Attest:



Maureen Wallace
Executive Assistant