



## Violence Prevention Groups Urge LAUSD Board of Education to Pass Resolution to Prevent Teen Dating and Sexual Violence

**News Conference Slated for 9 a.m. on October 4, Before Vote**

September 30, 2011 - A news conference will be held October 4 before the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education meeting where members will vote on a landmark resolution aimed at preventing teen dating and sexual violence. If passed, it would enable the district to coordinate teen dating violence intervention and prevention strategies in all LAUSD schools. It would also establish the district as a leader in responding to, and preventing, adolescent relationship abuse.

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**WHO:** Violence prevention experts and student advocates will gather at a morning news conference to urge the full LAUSD board to pass the resolution.

News conference participants will include:

- LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer (District 4)
- Student leaders from Start Strong Los Angeles, who can discuss their experiences with relationship violence
- Violence prevention experts from Start Strong Los Angeles and Peace Over Violence, local organizations dedicated to violence prevention.

**WHERE:** LAUSD Headquarters  
333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
9 a.m.: News conference on the steps in front of LAUSD Headquarters  
1 p.m.: LAUSD Board meeting (public session) begins in the Board Room

**WHY:** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

According to Start Strong Los Angeles, approximately 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.

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