
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 31, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 24 through 28, 2020, as "Public
2 Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Public education is the foundation of a 21st century
4 democracy; and

5 WHEREAS, The nation's public schools are where students come
6 to be educated as citizens of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Public schools prepare the nation's young people to
8 contribute to the economy, society and citizenry of the country;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of American children attend public
11 schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal, state and local lawmakers should prioritize
13 support for strengthening the nation's public schools and
14 empower local education leaders to implement, manage and lead
15 school districts in partnership with educators, parents and

1 other local education stakeholders and learning communities; and
2 WHEREAS, Federal, state and local lawmakers should support
3 such necessities as counseling, extracurricular activities and
4 mental health supports that are critical to help students engage
5 in learning; and

6 WHEREAS, Inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are
7 where children learn to think critically, problem-solve and
8 build relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, Public schools should provide an environment where
10 all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years,
11 regardless of who they are or where they live; and

12 WHEREAS, Efforts should be supported to advance equity and
13 excellence in public education and to implement continuous
14 improvement and evidence-based practices; and

15 WHEREAS, All children have the right to an education that
16 helps them to reach their full potential and attend schools that
17 offer a high-quality educational experience; and

18 WHEREAS, Stable, equitable, predictable and adequate funding
19 for great public schools for every student in America is
20 necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and
21 school libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-
22 prepared and supported educators; and

23 WHEREAS, Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals and
24 principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum
25 and create joy in learning; and

26 WHEREAS, The nation's school buildings should have class
27 sizes small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one
28 attention and access support services such as health care,
29 nutrition and after-school programs when needed; and

30 WHEREAS, Students, teachers and professionals make the

1 nation's public schools vital components of the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Parents and communities are working hard to improve
3 educational outcomes for children across the country; and

4 WHEREAS, The week of February 24 through 28, 2020, is an
5 appropriate period to recognize "Public Schools Week"; therefore
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 week of February 24 through 28, 2020, as "Public Schools Week"
9 in Pennsylvania.