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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2021, TO BE  
"PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN RHODE ISLAND"

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Gallo, Picard, Lombardo, Cano, Seveney, DiPalma,  
Sosnowski, Euer, and DiMario

Date Introduced: February 23, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Public education is the foundation of a 21st-century democracy; and

2 WHEREAS, Our nation's public schools are where students come to be educated as  
3 citizens of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Each public school prepares the Nation's young people to contribute to the  
5 society, economy, and citizenry of the country; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Local, State, and Federal lawmakers should prioritize support for  
8 strengthening the nation's public schools and empower local education leaders to implement,  
9 manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education  
10 stakeholders and learning communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Local, State and Federal lawmakers should support such necessities as  
12 counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health programs that are critical to help students  
13 engage in learning; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full  
19 potential and to attend schools that offer a high-quality educational experience; and

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

4           WHEREAS, Our nation needs to support the educators, including teachers,  
5 paraprofessionals, and principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and create  
6 joy in learning; and

7           WHEREAS, The Nation's school buildings should have class sizes small enough to allow  
8 students to receive one-on-one attention and to access support services such as health care,  
9 nutrition, and after-school programs when needed; and

10          WHEREAS, Students, teachers, and professionals make the Nation's schools vital  
11 components of the community; and

12          WHEREAS, Parents and communities are working hard to improve educational  
13 outcomes for children across the country; now, therefore be it

14          RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims the week of  
15 February 22 through February 26, 2021, to be "Public Schools Week in Rhode Island"; and be it  
16 further

17          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Commissioner Angelica M. Infante-Green,  
19 Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, State of Rhode Island.

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