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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2020, TO BE  
"PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN RHODE ISLAND"

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Goodwin, Seveney, Satchell, and Cano

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

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 and Providence Plantations  
15 hereby proclaims the week of February 24, through February 28, 2020, to be "Public Schools  
16 Week in Rhode Island"; and be it 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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