

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 120859)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) for their steadfast dedication to Philadelphia's Public Schools as they initiate literacy programs and open school libraries.

WHEREAS, The West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) is a Philadelphia based non-profit organization that provides literacy programs to young students and opens libraries in schools; and

WHEREAS, While a child's reading ability at the end of third grade is a key predictor of school dropout, more than 80% of Philadelphia's public schools lack a functioning library; and

WHEREAS, Year after year, surveys show that for many students, the school library is the only library they visit and principals report that many children do not have anyone reading to them at home; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, WePAC has opened 16 previously closed elementary school libraries and currently runs 12 libraries in West and Southwest Philadelphia, providing services to more than 5,000 students; and

WHEREAS, WePAC has donated thousands of books to schools and currently, more than 2,500 books are circulated each month; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated volunteers read stories with children, help them select and check-out books and make reading come alive; and

WHEREAS, WePAC's literacy mentors work with individuals and small groups in the classroom so that students can enhance their writing skills; and

WHEREAS, WePAC is the only non-profit organization in the City of Philadelphia that systematically works to open closed school libraries; and

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WHEREAS, WePAC is funded entirely with private dollars and provides all of its services at no cost to schools or the School District of Philadelphia; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Recognizes the West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) for their steadfast dedication to Philadelphia's Public Schools as they initiate literacy programs and open school libraries.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-fifth of October, 2012.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Blackwell

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, O'Brien, Oh, Greenlee, Jones, Johnson, Goode, Kenney, Tasco, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Council President Clarke, Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Green and Bass