

Legislation Text

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Acknowledging the work of GEAR UP in increasing the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in higher education.

WHEREAS, September 22-26, 2014 had been designated as National GEAR UP Week; and

WHEREAS, THE GEAR UP initiative is a competitive grant program of the United States Department of Education that was signed into law on September 29, 1998; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP provides tutoring, mentoring, academic preparation, and other resources to assist disadvantaged students in gaining access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP provides communities with a holistic, data-driven program aimed at preparing low-income, and minority students for postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP grantees serve cohorts of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follows students through high school; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania State GEAR UP is located in four Philadelphia high schools including Samuel Fels, Horace Furness, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Overbrook high schools; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia will receive \$29.1 million dollars over the next seven (7) years for its GEAR UP program; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP will host a Capacity Building Workshop in February 2015 in Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby acknowledges the work of GEAR UP in increasing the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in higher education.