

Legislation Text

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Recognizing October as Parent Appreciation Month at the School District of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, According to the National Committee for Citizens in Education students with parents who are involved in their school have fewer behavioral problems and better academic performance, and are more likely to complete secondary school than students whose parents are not involved in their school; and

WHEREAS, Research continues to show that parents get involved in their children's education for a variety of reasons, but they do so especially when schools reach out to them and invite their participation; and

WHEREAS, Parents are a child's first and most influential teacher and most often have high hopes and dreams for their children's future; and

WHEREAS, The most accurate predictor of student achievement in school is the extent to which their families are able to create a home environment that encourages learning and advocate for their children's achievement in both school and the community; and

WHEREAS, The importance of parent engagement in education requires not only recognition, but a firm commitment to School District of Philadelphia policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Parent, Family, Community Engagement and Faith-based Partnerships, on behalf of the School District of Philadelphia, has scheduled a month of activities to show appreciation for parents and their contributions as members of school-based and District teams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize October 2009 as Parent Appreciation Month in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the School District of Philadelphia as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.