

# *Proclamation*

In recognition of the vital importance for education excellence, and meaningful collaboration between the school district and families, we recognize NOVEMBER as Parents' Rights in Education Month

WHEREAS, we acknowledge parents are a child's first and foremost educator, and have the primary responsibility for the education, care and training of their children,

and WHEREAS, education is comprised of a range of activities by which families and communities teach knowledge and skills, including ethical and behavioral norms and traditions,

and WHEREAS, fairness and equity must be afforded to all students and families in the school district,

and WHEREAS, public schools need cooperation and support of all parents,

and WHEREAS, the parent-child relationship shall be honored and supported by teachers, counselors, administrators, and school board members,

THEREFORE, we declare NOVEMBER, Parents' Rights In Education Month affirming the constitutional right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

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# School Board Endorsement TIPS

## **Do Your HOMEWORK - Visit the School District Website**

All school Districts are different depending on what state and area. Go to School Board page on your local district website to access names of Board Members and contact info. Check the rules for public submission of Proclamations with the School Board Clerk or Administrator.

## **Find out who's open to your Proposal.**

It is always best to have a board member submit the Proclamation. Email the Proclamation document to all the members, and follow up with a friendly call to identify supporters.

## **Lobby Members**

Meet with members who seem interested, and share more information. Explain why you are supporting this Proclamation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT at the next School Board meeting.**

Take the Proclamation to your next School Board meeting and present during public comment. Hand a copy to each member. It is best to go with as many other supporters as you can find. Usually you will have no more than 2 minutes to make your case, so divide the arguments between others. Always be respectful and share personal reasons why you support the recommendation.

## **VERBIAGE to Introduce Proclamation - Please personalize!**

“My name is Suzanne Gallagher. I am a parent in the district. We have three children attending X, Y, and Z schools, and are highly involved in the education of our children and consider our support not only for our family, but for the entire community. We encourage you to acknowledge all parents and endorse this simple Proclamation.”

Read the Proclamation.

“It is our great hope you agree with these principles and will endorse the Parents’ Rights In Education Proclamation. Thank you.”

## **Fill the Room at the next Board Meeting!**

Find out when the Proclamation will be on the agenda for a vote. Spread the word and fill the room showing support for those who share your values.

## **How did you do?**

We want to report your success, and encourage other parents nationally to follow your lead! What made the difference? Please contact us with a report.

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