

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235**

1           A resolution to declare February 27, 2020, as Public Schools  
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Public education is the foundation of a 21st-century  
4 democracy; and

5           Whereas, The nation's public schools are where students come  
6 to be educated as citizens of the United States; and

7           Whereas, Each public school prepares the nation's young people  
8 to contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the  
9 country; and

10           Whereas, Ninety percent of American children attend public  
11 schools; and

12           Whereas, Local, state, and federal lawmakers should prioritize



1 support for strengthening the nation's public schools and empower  
2 local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school  
3 districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local  
4 education stakeholders and learning communities; and

5       Whereas, Local, state, and federal lawmakers should support  
6 such necessities as counseling, extracurricular activities, and  
7 mental health supports that are critical to help students engage in  
8 learning; and

9       Whereas, Inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are  
10 where children learn to think critically, problem solve, and build  
11 relationships; and

12       Whereas, Public schools should provide an environment where  
13 all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years,  
14 regardless of who they are or where they live; and

15       Whereas, Efforts should be supported to advance equity and  
16 excellence in public education and to implement continuous  
17 improvement and evidence-based practices; and

18       Whereas, Every child has the right to an education that helps  
19 them reach their full potential and to attend schools that offer a  
20 high-quality educational experience; and

21       Whereas, Stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding  
22 for great public schools for every student in America is necessary  
23 to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school  
24 libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared and  
25 supported educators; and

26       Whereas, Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and  
27 principals who provide a well-rounded and complete curriculum and  
28 create joy in learning; and

29       Whereas, Whereas, The nation's school buildings should have

1 class sizes that allow students to receive the attention they  
2 deserve and access support services such as health care, nutrition,  
3 and after-school programs when needed; and

4       Whereas, Students, teachers, and professionals make the  
5 nation's public schools vital components of the community; and

6       Whereas, February 24-28, 2020, is National Public Schools  
7 Week. Parents and communities are working hard to improve  
8 educational outcomes for children across the country; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
11 this legislative body declare February 27, 2020, as Public Schools  
12 Day in the state of Michigan. We call upon Michiganders to observe  
13 this week by supporting public schools.